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THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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**[REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION  
ON TUESDAY, MAY 10, 2016 ON PAGE 197.]**

**HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** GOOD MORNING, MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC. THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MAY 10, 2016 MEETING WILL NOW COME TO ORDER. THIS MORNING, THE INVOCATION WILL BE LED BY SENIOR PASTOR MAMOE MAMOE, OFFICE OF SAMOAN AFFAIRS IN CARSON REPRESENTING THE SECOND DISTRICT, AND THE PLEDGE THIS MORNING WILL BE LED BY LAWRENCE SANDOVAL, III, THE FORMER SENIOR AIRMAN, UNITED STATES AIR FORCE, LOS ANGELES, REPRESENTING THE FIRST DISTRICT. PLEASE STAND.

**PASTOR MAMOE:** I WOULD LIKE TO FIRST AND FOREMOST THANK THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR THIS RARE AND UNIQUE PRIVILEGE AND BLESSING TO RENDER THE PRAYER INVOCATION THIS MORNING. BUT I WOULD LIKE TO BEGIN BY SAYING THESE PARTICULAR REMARKS. I WILL NOT ASK YOU TO CLOSE YOUR EYES BUT TO KEEP YOUR EYES CONSTANTLY OPEN TO THE SERIOUS ISSUES THAT CITY GOVERNMENT FACES AND SHOULD SOLVE. I WILL NOT ASK YOU TO BOW YOUR HEADS BUT TO LOOK UP AT WHAT YOU CAN ACCOMPLISH BY APPLYING YOUR CONSIDERABLE TALENTS AND EXPERIENCES TO THE PROBLEMS THAT CONFRONT US. LET US PRAY. WE REALIZE EACH AND EVERY ONE OF US IS A MINORITY WITH RESPECT TO SOMETHING. IT MIGHT BE RACE,



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1 RELIGION, SEXUAL ORIENTATION, NATIONALITY, OR IN ANY OTHER  
2 SHAPE, FORM OR FASHION. BUT EACH OF US IS ALSO PART OF A  
3 MAJORITY. IT IS WHEN WE WEAR OUR MAJORITY HATS THAT WE NEED TO  
4 BE MOST MINDFUL OF HOW WE TREAT OTHERS. THIS MORNING, WE  
5 PLEDGE OUR BEST EFFORTS TO HELP ONE ANOTHER AND TO DEFEND THE  
6 RIGHTS OF OUR CITIZENS AND RESIDENTS. WHAT DIVIDES IS NOT SO  
7 MUCH OUR RELIGIOUS DIFFERENCES IN THIS DIVERSE COUNTRY, BUT IT  
8 IS THE DEGREE OF COMMITMENT WE HAVE TO EQUAL FREEDOM FOR ANY  
9 AND ALL. WE ARE GATHERED TODAY, BOTH RELIGIOUS AND SECULAR  
10 MEMBERS OF OUR COMMUNITY, WITH THE SHARED BELIEF THAT WE MUST  
11 TREAT OUR FELLOW HUMAN BEINGS WITH RESPECT AND DIGNITY. I  
12 WOULD LIKE TO RENDER AND REMEMBER WHAT ABRAHAM LINCOLN SAID,  
13 "WHEN WE ALL DO GOOD, WE FEEL GOOD. BUT WHEN WE DO BAD, WE ALL  
14 FEEL BAD." THAT IS MY RELIGION. AND TO CLOSE, AS HARRY S.  
15 TRUMAN APPROPRIATELY SAID, "IT'S REMARKABLE HOW MUCH YOU CAN  
16 ACCOMPLISH IF YOU DON'T CARE WHO GETS THE CREDIT." AND THIS IS  
17 OUR PRAYER, OH CREATOR GOD, AMEN.

18

19 **LAWRENCE SANDOVAL, III:** GOOD MORNING, EVERYONE. MAY I ASK THAT  
20 EVERYBODY PLEASE FACE THE FLAG. PUT YOUR RIGHT HAND OVER YOUR  
21 HEART. IF YOU ARE A VETERAN, YOU MAY SALUTE. AND PLEASE FOLLOW  
22 ME AS I SAY THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE. [PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE  
23 RECITED.] THANK YOU.

24

25 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS.





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2 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** MADAME CHAIR AND COLLEAGUES, WE'RE

3 DELIGHTED TO HAVE WITH US THE SENIOR PASTOR, WHO'S TRYING TO

4 ESCAPE BEFORE PERMISSION TO DO SO. ONCE AGAIN, WE'RE DELIGHTED

5 TO HAVE WITH US THE SENIOR PASTOR FOR THE OFFICE OF SAMOAN

6 AFFAIRS. WE WANT TO ACKNOWLEDGE PASTOR MAMOE. HE'S BEEN IN

7 THAT POSITION FOR THE PAST SIX YEARS. AND CARSON IS IN THE

8 HOUSE. WE WANT TO ACKNOWLEDGE AUNTIE TERRY AND HIS BROTHER

9 BOTH. CARSON IS IN THE HOUSE. THE SAMOAN COMMUNITY IS

10 REPRESENTED. WE WANT TO MAKE SURE WE GIVE YOU THE APPROPRIATE

11 SHOUTOUT THIS MORNING. GIVE THEM A ROUND OF APPLAUSE, AS WELL.

12 AUNTIE TERRY AND BROTHER. YEAH. [APPLAUSE.] THE MORNING'S

13 INVOCATEUR, HIS ROLE INCLUDES WORKING WITH FAMILIES, BEING

14 SERVED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES BY

15 PROVIDING PARENTING, EDUCATION, ANGER MANAGEMENT, DOMESTIC

16 VIOLENCE, AND YOUTH MENTORING SERVICES. HE'S ALSO SENIOR

17 PASTOR WITH THE FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH OF GARDEN GROVE IN

18 ORANGE COUNTY. HE EARNED A DIPLOMA IN THEOLOGY AND A BACHELOR

19 OF DIVINITY DEGREE FROM KANANA FOU THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY IN

20 AMERICAN SAMOA AND A MASTER'S OF THEOLOGY FROM THE PRINCETON

21 THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY, WHERE HE ALSO SERVED AS A FULL-TIME

22 LECTURER. HE'S WORKED AS A DETENTION SERVICES OFFICER WITH THE

23 LOS ANGELES COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PROBATION. HE'S BEEN MARRIED

24 TO HIS WIFE HELEN FOR SOME 28 YEARS, AND THEY HAVE THREE SONS.

25 AND SO TODAY, WE THANK YOU, PASTOR MAMOE, FOR LEADING US IN



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1 THIS MORNING'S INVOCATION. AND WE WISH YOU GODSPEED.

2 [APPLAUSE]

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4 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THIS MORNING I'D LIKE TO THANK LAWRENCE  
5 SANDOVAL, III FOR GUIDING US THROUGH THE PLEDGE THIS MORNING.  
6 MR. SANDOVAL IS A LIFELONG RESIDENT OF EAST LOS ANGELES. HE  
7 GREW UP IN CITY TERRACE, WAS RAISED WITH A FAMILY WITH A  
8 STRONG MILITARY BACKGROUND AND TRADITION. HIS FATHER ALSO  
9 SERVED IN THE ARMED FORCES AS A MARINE. LAWRENCE SERVED AS A  
10 SENIOR AIRMAN IN THE U.S. AIR FORCE FROM 2005 TO 2009. DURING  
11 HIS SERVICE IN THE AIR FORCE, HE COMPLETED TWO TOURS IN IRAQ  
12 AT CAMP BUCCA AND JOINT BASE BALAD. A HIGHLY DECORATED  
13 VETERAN, MR. SANDOVAL HAS RECEIVED NUMEROUS HONORS WHICH  
14 INCLUDE THE AIR FORCE ACHIEVEMENT MEDAL, ARMY ACHIEVEMENT  
15 MEDAL, AIR FORCE OUTSTANDING UNIT AWARD, AND THE IRAQ CAMPAIGN  
16 MEDAL. THROUGH THE G.I. BILL, LAWRENCE ATTENDED WESTWOOD  
17 COLLEGE, WHERE HE RECEIVED A BACHELOR'S DEGREE IN CRIMINAL  
18 JUSTICE. MR. SANDOVAL BEGAN WORKING FOR THE COUNTY OF LOS  
19 ANGELES DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SOCIAL SERVICES IN 2014 AS A  
20 VETERAN INTERN, WHERE HE NOW WORKS AS AN ELIGIBILITY WORKER  
21 II. ON BEHALF OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, I AM  
22 VERY PROUD AND PRIVILEGED AND FEEL HONORED TO HAVE YOU HERE  
23 WITH US FOR PROVIDING OUTSTANDING LEADERSHIP AND SERVICE TO  
24 OUR COUNTRY. MAY GOD BLESS YOU AND YOUR FATHER AND YOUR



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1 FAMILY. THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE.] MEMBERS, WE'RE ABOUT TO BEGIN  
2 OUR ITEMS ON THE BOARD AGENDA THIS MORNING.

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4 **LORI GLASGOW:** EXEC. OFCR.: GOOD MORNING, MADAME CHAIR AND  
5 MEMBERS OF THE BOARD. TODAY'S AGENDA WILL BEGIN ON PAGE 3,  
6 REPORTS. ON ITEM R-1, SUPERVISOR SOLIS REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM  
7 BE CONTINUED TO JUNE 14, 2016. AND ON ITEM R-2, THE CHIEF  
8 EXECUTIVE OFFICER AND COUNTY COUNSEL HAVE REQUESTED THIS ITEM  
9 BE CONTINUED TO JUNE 8, 2016 RATHER THAN MAY 31ST AS POSTED ON  
10 THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA. ON PAGE 4, ITEM 1-D, A MEMBER OF THE  
11 PUBLIC HAS REQUESTED THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON PAGE 5, AGENDA  
12 FOR THE MEETING OF THE HOUSING AUTHORITY, ON ITEM 1-H, A  
13 MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC HAS REQUESTED THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. AND  
14 THIS ITEM RELATES TO AGENDA ITEM NO. 51. ON ITEM 2-H, A MEMBER  
15 OF THE PUBLIC HAS REQUESTED THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON PAGE 6,  
16 AGENDA FOR THE MEETING OF THE REGIONAL PARK AND OPEN SPACE  
17 DISTRICT. ON ITEM NO. 1-P, A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC HAS  
18 REQUESTED THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD, AND THERE IS ITEM 2-P AS  
19 INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA. THIS ITEM IS BEFORE YOU.

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21 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THIS ITEM IS MOVED BY SUPERVISOR SHEILA  
22 KUEHL. SECONDED. WITHOUT OBJECTION.

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24 **LORI GLASGOW:** EXEC. OFCR.: ON PAGE 7, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS,  
25 ITEMS 1 THROUGH 13. ON ITEM 2, THIS ITEM WAS REVISED AS





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1 INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA, AND SUPERVISORS KUEHL  
2 AND ANTONOVICH REQUEST THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD, ALONG WITH A  
3 MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC. ON ITEM 3, SUPERVISOR KNABE REQUESTS  
4 THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEM NO. 10, THIS ITEM WAS REVISED  
5 AS INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA TO BE DISCUSSED AS  
6 PART OF ITEM P-1, WHICH WAS ALSO ADDED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL  
7 AGENDA. ON ITEMS NO. 12 AND 13, MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC HAVE  
8 REQUESTED THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. THE REMAINDER OF THESE ITEMS  
9 ARE BEFORE YOU.

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11 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. THESE ITEMS ARE MOVED BY  
12 SUPERVISOR KNABE. SECONDED WITHOUT OBJECTION.

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14 **LORI GLASGOW:** EXEC. OFCR.: ON PAGE 12, CONSENT CALENDAR, ITEMS  
15 14 THROUGH 50. ON ITEM NO. 15, THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER  
16 REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE REFERRED BACK TO HER DEPARTMENT  
17 INSTEAD OF BEING CONTINUED AS POSTED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL  
18 AGENDA. ON ITEMS 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 22 AND 23, MEMBERS OF THE  
19 PUBLIC HAVE REQUESTED THAT THESE ITEMS BE HELD. ON ITEM NO.  
20 28, THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE  
21 REFERRED BACK TO HER DEPARTMENT. ON ITEM NO. 36, AS INDICATED  
22 ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA, THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY REQUESTS  
23 THAT THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED ONE WEEK TO MAY 17, 2016. ON ITEM  
24 37, SUPERVISOR KNABE REQUESTS --

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1     **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THAT WAS ITEM 36.

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3     **LORI GLASGOW:** EXEC. OFCR.: THAT WAS ITEM 36. THE DISTRICT  
4     ATTORNEY REQUESTS THAT IT BE CONTINUED TO MAY 17TH. ON ITEM  
5     37, SUPERVISOR KNABE REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED ONE  
6     WEEK TO MAY 17, 2016. ON ITEM NO. 40, AS INDICATED ON THE  
7     SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA, THIS ITEM WAS REVISED AND A MEMBER OF THE  
8     PUBLIC HAS REQUESTED THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEM 41, THE  
9     SHERIFF REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE REFERRED BACK TO HIS  
10    DEPARTMENT. ON ITEM 42, THIS ITEM WILL BE HELD FOR A MEMBER OF  
11    THE PUBLIC. ON ITEM 43, AS INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL  
12    AGENDA, THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE  
13    CONTINUED TO JULY 5, 2016. ON ITEM 45, COUNTY COUNSEL REQUESTS  
14    THAT THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED TO MAY 24, 2016. THE REMAINDER OF  
15    THESE ITEMS ARE BEFORE YOU, WITH THE EXCEPTION OF ITEM 47,  
16    WHICH A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC HAS REQUESTED TO BE HELD.

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18    **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THOSE ITEMS ARE MOVED BY SUPERVISOR  
19    RIDLEY-THOMAS. SECONDED. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SUCH WILL BE THE  
20    ORDER.

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22    **LORI GLASGOW:** EXEC. OFCR.: ON PAGE 32, SEPARATE MATTERS, ITEMS  
23    51 AND 52, ON ITEM 51, THIS IS A RECOMMENDATION TO ADOPT AND  
24    INSTRUCT THE CHAIR TO SIGN A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE ISSUANCE  
25    OF TAX-EXEMPT MULTI-FAMILY HOUSING MORTGAGE REVENUE BONDS BY



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1 THE HOUSING AUTHORITY IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$9,450,000 TO  
2 SUN SAGE HOMES, L.P. TO FINANCE THE ACQUISITION AND  
3 REHABILITATION OF OSAGE APARTMENTS. THIS ITEM RELATES TO  
4 AGENDA ITEM 1-H, AND A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC HAS REQUESTED THAT  
5 THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEM 52, THIS IS A RECOMMENDATION TO  
6 ADOPT A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF THE  
7 2016/17 TAX AND REVENUE ANTICIPATION NOTES IN AN AGGREGATE  
8 PRINCIPAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$800 MILLION TO MEET THE CASH  
9 FLOW NEEDS OF THE COUNTY GENERAL FUND. A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC  
10 HAS REQUESTED THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON PAGE 33,  
11 MISCELLANEOUS ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA WHICH WERE POSTED MORE  
12 THAN 72 HOURS IN ADVANCE OF THE MEETING AS INDICATED ON THE  
13 SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA. ON ITEM 53-A, A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC HAS  
14 REQUESTED THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON PAGE 36, NOTICES OF  
15 CLOSED SESSION FOR MAY 10, 2016. ON ITEM C.S.-1 AND C.S.-4, A  
16 MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC HAS REQUESTED THAT THESE ITEMS BE HELD.  
17 AND AS NOTED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA, THIS INCLUDES ITEM  
18 C.S.-5. THAT COMPLETES THE READING OF THE AGENDA. BOARD OF  
19 SUPERVISORS SPECIAL ITEMS BEGIN WITH SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT  
20 NO. 4.

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22 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR KNABE? YES, THAT'S MINE. THANK  
23 YOU.

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1 BOARD MEMBERS AND THE PUBLIC, TODAY WE ARE GOING TO BE  
2 RECOGNIZING OUTSTANDING NURSES OF THE YEAR. THIS IS A SPECIAL  
3 AWARD THAT IS PROVIDED EACH YEAR BY THE COUNTY BOARD MEMBERS.  
4 AS YOU KNOW, EVERY DAY NURSES CARE FOR OUR PATIENTS, THEIR  
5 FAMILIES AND THE COMMUNITIES THAT WE SERVE, MAKING A  
6 DIFFERENCE IN THE LIVES OF MANY. THESE COMPASSIONATE AND  
7 DEDICATED NURSES ARE A VERY INTEGRAL PART OF OUR HEALTHCARE  
8 SYSTEM, AND THEIR EFFORTS AND DEDICATION DESERVE THIS  
9 RECOGNITION TODAY. THIS YEAR, WE'RE PLEASED TO HAVE 14  
10 OUTSTANDING NURSES OF THE YEAR AWARDS TO HONOR. NATIONAL  
11 NURSES WEEK IS CELEBRATED ANNUALLY FROM MAY 6TH, ALSO KNOWN AS  
12 NATIONAL NURSES DAY, THROUGH MAY 12TH, THE BIRTHDAY OF NONE  
13 OTHER THAN FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE, THE FOUNDER OF MODERN  
14 NURSING. I WOULD ALSO LIKE TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE L.A. COUNTY  
15 NURSE RECOGNITION STEERING COMMITTEE, WHICH OVERSEES THE NURSE  
16 RECOGNITION PROGRAM AND SELECTS THE OUTSTANDING NURSES OF THE  
17 YEAR. THIS HAS BEEN A BOARD TRADITION, MEMBERS, FOR THE PAST  
18 30 YEARS. WITH THAT, I'D LIKE TO START WITH THIS PRESENTATION  
19 WITH SUPERVISOR KNABE, ANTONOVICH AND AFTER WHICH I WILL  
20 PRESENT IN THAT ORDER AND THEN WE'LL MOVE ON. THANK YOU. OKAY.  
21 VERY GOOD.

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23 >>SUP. KNABE: THANK YOU, MADAME CHAIR, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD.  
24 IT'S MY PRIVILEGE AND HONOR TO RECOGNIZE A COUPLE OF  
25 OUTSTANDING NURSES FROM THE FOURTH DISTRICT. FIRST OF ALL, I'D



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1 LIKE TO TO PRESENT JACQUELINE RIFENBURG, WHO THEY HAVE THE  
2 SCROLLS IN HAND ALREADY AS THE OUTSTANDING NURSE OF THE YEAR.  
3 JACQUELINE BEGAN HER CAREER WITH THE COUNTY AT THE EMERGENCY  
4 MEDICAL SERVICES AGENCY IN 1999 AS A NURSING INSTRUCTOR FOR  
5 THE PARAMEDIC TRAINING INSTITUTE. IN THIS ROLE, SHE PROVIDED  
6 INSTRUCTION AND SKILLS TESTING AND SERVED AS A CLINICAL  
7 RECEPTOR OF PARAMEDIC STUDENTS FROM VARIOUS FIRE DEPARTMENTS  
8 THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY. AFTER A FEW YEARS, SHE WAS PROMOTED TO  
9 SENIOR NURSING INSTRUCTOR AND OVERSAW THE DAILY OPERATIONS OF  
10 THE INSTITUTE. WITHIN THE M.S. AGENCY, JACQUELINE HAS ALSO  
11 WORKED IN THE DISASTER SERVICES SECTION AND WAS RESPONSIBLE  
12 FOR COORDINATING OUR DISASTER PREPAREDNESS ACTIVITIES, OUR  
13 EXERCISES AND DRILLS, AND DRILLS AT THE HEALTH CARE  
14 FACILITIES. IN ADDITION, SHE HAS WORKED AT L.A.C.+U.S.C. AS A  
15 MOBILE INTENSIVE CARE NURSE IN THE EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT. SHE  
16 CONSISTENTLY PURSUES OPPORTUNITIES TO EXPAND HER KNOWLEDGE  
17 BASE AND, MOST IMPORTANTLY, HER EXPERIENCE. THIS WAS BEST  
18 EXEMPLIFIED WHEN SHE WAS AWARDED AND ASSUMED A NEW ROLE AS A  
19 PRE-HOSPITAL PROGRAM MANAGER IN 2013. SHE IS THE LEAD NURSE IN  
20 CONDUCTING PROGRAM REVIEW OF ADVANCED LIFE SUPPORT AND  
21 CRITICAL CARE TRANSPORT PROGRAMS. IN JUNE OF 2015, JACQUELINE  
22 RETURNED TO HER REAL PASSION, TEACHING FIREFIGHTERS AND  
23 E.M.T.S TO BECOME COMPETENT PARAMEDICS. SHE IS CURRENTLY THE  
24 TRAINING COORDINATOR FOR OUR PARAMEDIC TRAINING INSTITUTE.  
25 OTHER THAN THAT, SHE HAS A LOT OF FREE TIME. [LAUGHTER.]





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1 CONGRATULATIONS, JACQUELINE. [APPLAUSE.] NEXT, I'D LIKE TO  
2 PRESENT PAMELA KUNAO. KENYA. JUST TOOK THE WORDS OUT OF MY  
3 MOUTH. [LAUGHTER.] AS AN OUTSTANDING NURSE OF THE YEAR AWARD  
4 AS WELL. PAMELA GRADUATED IN 2003 FROM THE SAN PEDRO  
5 PHILIPPINE COLLEGE WITH A BACHELOR'S DEGREE IN NURSING AND  
6 WORKED IN THE MEDICAL SURGICAL WARD AS A REGISTERED NURSE AND  
7 A CLINICAL INSTRUCTOR BEFORE RELOCATING TO THE UNITED STATES  
8 IN 2006. IN JULY OF 2008, SHE JOINED OUR GREAT TEAM OUT AT  
9 RANCHO LOS AMIGOS NATIONAL REHABILITATION CENTER AS A STAFF  
10 NURSE IN THE DIRECT OBSERVATION STEPDOWN UNIT AND TRANSFERRED  
11 TO THE I.C. UNIT IN 2010. SHE IS PASSIONATE ABOUT PATIENT CARE  
12 AND PROVIDING THE BEST HOLISTIC CARE TO PATIENTS AND THEIR  
13 FAMILIES, WHICH IS EVIDENT THROUGH HER POSITIVE ATTITUDE,  
14 COMPASSION, AND READINESS TO HELP EVERYONE. PAMELA  
15 COLLABORATED WITH HER COLLEAGUES TO CREATE AND IMPLEMENT THE  
16 I.C.U. WELCOME PAMPHLET, THE I.C.U. PROGRESSIVE MOBILITY, TO  
17 DECREASE PATIENTS' LENGTH OF STAY IN THE I.C.U., THUS  
18 IMPROVING OUR OUTCOMES WHILE DECREASING COSTS AND INCREASING  
19 REVENUE FOR RANCHO. SO ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD OF MY COLLEAGUES  
20 AND, MOST IMPORTANTLY, THE PATIENTS THAT SHE SERVES, WE WANT  
21 TO SAY CONGRATULATIONS. [APPLAUSE.]

22

23 **SUP. MICHAEL ANTONOVICH:** WELL, WE WOULD LIKE TO RECOGNIZE  
24 ANGELA MILAN. SHE GRADUATED FROM CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY,  
25 LONG BEACH CUM LAUDE WITH A SCIENCE DEGREE, BACHELOR OF



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1 SCIENCE DEGREE IN NURSING IN 2010. BEEN A NURSE IN FIVE YEARS  
2 WITH A BACKGROUND IN MEDICAL SURGICAL, TELEMETRIC, HOSPICE,  
3 AND PSYCHIATRIC NURSING. JOINED THE GLENDALE HEALTH CENTER IN  
4 2013 TO FOLLOW HER PASSION FOR EDUCATING THE PUBLIC, HER DEEP  
5 INTEREST IN INTERVENTIONS TO IMPROVE HEALTH OUTCOMES. ANGELA  
6 FEELS THAT BY DEDICATING MORE TIME FOR PATIENTS AND LESS TIME  
7 FOR PAPERWORK, NURSES CAN PROVIDE COMPASSIONATE,  
8 COMPREHENSIVE, AND SAFE NURSING CARE. TOWARD THAT END, SHE  
9 CREATED A USER-FRIENDLY LOG THAT INCREASES THE EFFICIENCY OF  
10 CLINIC SERVICES, ALLOWING MORE TIME FOR NURSE-PATIENT  
11 INTERACTION. SHE'S CURRENTLY WORKING TOWARDS OBTAINING HER  
12 MASTER'S OF SCIENCE DEGREE IN NURSING WITH AN ADULT GERIATRIC  
13 NURSE PRACTITIONER CERTIFICATION FROM AZUSA PACIFIC  
14 UNIVERSITY. A MEMBER OF THE ALPHA CHI NATIONAL COLLEGE HONOR  
15 SOCIETY, WILL GRADUATE IN THE TOP 10 PERCENT OF HER CLASS THIS  
16 COMING AUGUST. IN THE FUTURE, SHE PLANS TO PURSUE A DOCTORATE  
17 OF NURSING PRACTICE DEGREE, AND THEN RUN FOR THE BOARD OF  
18 SUPERVISORS? [LAUGHTER.] SO WE WANT TO CONGRATULATE ANGELA FOR  
19 HER ACCOMPLISHMENTS. [APPLAUSE] NOW WE HAVE SHIRLEY APRECIO,  
20 WHO IS GRADUATING THIS YEAR AS ONE OF THE TOP NURSES AWARD.  
21 SHE BEGAN HER NURSING CAREER BACK IN 1985 AS A LICENSED  
22 VOCATIONAL NURSE AT LA CASA MENTAL HEALTH PSYCHIATRIC  
23 REHABILITATION HOSPITAL. HER NURSING CAREER WITH THE COUNTY OF  
24 LOS ANGELES BEGAN IN 1989 AT EL MONTE COMPREHENSIVE HEALTH  
25 CENTER, WHERE SHE WORKED AS AN L.V.N. IN PEDIATRIC AND



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1 IMMUNIZATION CLINIC. THEN IN 1991 SHE TRANSFERRED TO THE  
2 WHITTIER HEALTH DEPARTMENT WORKING WITH FAMILY PLANNING,  
3 S.T.D., O.B./G.Y.N., IMMUNIZATIONS, ADULT CARE, AND CHEST  
4 CLINIC, LATER TRANSFERRING TO MACLAREN CHILDREN'S CENTER,  
5 WHERE SHE PROVIDED CARE TO ABUSED AND ABANDONED CHILDREN FOR  
6 EIGHT YEARS. THEN SHE TRANSFERRED IN 2003 TO L.A.C.+U.S.C.  
7 EMERGENCY ROOM. IN 2005 SHE APPLIED AND WAS ACCEPTED TO THE  
8 WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT. THIS IS A PROGRAM WHERE THE L.V.N.S CAN  
9 GO TO SCHOOL AND BECOME AN R.N. SHE EARNED HER ASSOCIATE  
10 DEGREE IN NURSING IN 2009, THEN IN 2010 BEGAN WORKING AS A  
11 NURSE AUDITOR WITH MANAGED CARE SERVICES CONDUCTING AUDITS OF  
12 THE COMMUNITY PARTNERS. AND IN THIS ROLE, SHIRLEY PROVIDED  
13 OVERSIGHT AND EVALUATION TO ENSURE COMPLIANCE WITH MY HEALTH  
14 L.A. ON THE WEEKENDS SHE'S A FACILITY NURSE SUPERVISOR AT A  
15 SKILLED NURSING FACILITY. AND ACCORDING TO SHIRLEY, WORKING  
16 FOR THE COUNTY HAS ALLOWED HER THE OPPORTUNITY TO FULFILL HER  
17 DREAMS, HER EXPERIENCES WORKING AS A NURSE, GIVING HER THE  
18 HEARTFELT SATISFACTION KNOWING THAT SHE CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE  
19 IN ONE'S LIFE. AND SHE APPRECIATES THAT OPPORTUNITY TO INSPIRE  
20 PEOPLE IN EVERY DAY OF HER LIFE. SO CONGRATULATIONS, SHIRLEY.  
21 [APPLAUSE.]

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23 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH. I WAS  
24 VERY FORTUNATE TO HAVE FOUR NURSES SELECTED AS OUTSTANDING  
25 NURSES IN MY DISTRICT. THE FIRST NURSE I'D LIKE TO CALL UP IS



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1 LOYOLA, KNOWN AS HOLA, GALLARDO. [APPLAUSE] THAT'S A NICE  
2 NAME. HOLA, HELLO. ALWAYS SWEET WITH A SMILE. I'M HONORED TO  
3 PRESENT LOYOLA HOLA GALLARDO WITH AN OUTSTANDING PUBLIC HEALTH  
4 NURSE OF THE YEAR AWARD. HOLA IS A PUBLIC HEALTH NURSE AND  
5 WORKS FOR THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH,  
6 THE CALIFORNIA CHILDREN'S SERVICES UNIT, IN THE QUALITY  
7 IMPROVEMENT AND COCHLEAR IMPLANT TEAMS. SHE BEGAN WORKING FOR  
8 C.S.S. BACK IN 1997. SO WE WANT TO CONGRATULATE HER ON HER  
9 WORK. THANK YOU SO MUCH. [APPLAUSE.] NEXT I HAVE LESTER J.  
10 JUAREZ, THE NEXT AWARDEE, WHO RECEIVED THE SHERIFF  
11 DEPARTMENT'S NURSE OF THE YEAR AWARD. THIS YEAR LESTER WAS  
12 ALSO SELECTED TO BE THE FIRST EVER LOS ANGELES COUNTY  
13 OUTSTANDING NURSE OF THE YEAR. HE GRADUATED FROM LOS ANGELES  
14 COUNTY CERTIFIED NURSE ASSISTANT PROGRAM WITH HIGH HONORS, THE  
15 LICENSED VOCATIONAL NURSE PROGRAM WITH HONORS FOR EXCELLENCE  
16 IN CLINICAL PRACTICE IN 2010, AND GRADUATED AS A REGISTERED  
17 NURSE IN 2011, RECEIVING AN AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN  
18 LEADERSHIP. LESTER WORKED AS AN L.V.N. AT THE L.A.C.+U.S.C.  
19 MEDICAL CENTER BEFORE JOINING LOS ANGELES COUNTY SHERIFF'S  
20 DEPARTMENT MEDICAL SERVICE BUREAU AND HAS BEEN ASSIGNED TO THE  
21 MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL SINCE THAT TIME BACK IN 2000 OF THIS YEAR,  
22 LAST COUPLE YEARS BACK. THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE.] NEXT I'D LIKE  
23 TO INTRODUCE DIA VANAD. I'M PLEASED TO PRESENT DIA VANAD WITH  
24 AN OUTSTANDING NURSE OF THE YEAR AWARD. DIA CAME TO THE COUNTY  
25 WITH A NURSING DEGREE FROM INDIA. SHE WORKED AS AN INSTRUCTOR



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1 IN INDIA FROM 1999 TO 2006. SHE BEGAN HER NURSING CAREER WITH  
2 THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES AT L.A.C.+U.S.C. MEDICAL CENTER IN  
3 2008, WHERE SHE WAS HIRED AS AN R.N.1 FOR THE ADULT PRIMARY  
4 CARE CLINICS. SHE IS A PRIMARY RECEPTOR FOR INCOMING NEW STAFF  
5 FOR ALL LEVELS AS WELL AS ALL INTERNAL CONSULTANT STAFF IN  
6 PRIMARY CARE CLINICS. THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR YOUR LEADERSHIP.  
7 [APPLAUSE.] AND LASTLY I'D LIKE TO INTRODUCE DONALYNN LYNN  
8 MATTHEWS. IT'S MY PLEASURE TO HONOR DONALYNN LYNN MATTHEWS  
9 WITH AN OUTSTANDING NURSE OF THE YEAR AWARD. SHE GREW UP IN  
10 COVINA AND GRADUATED FROM THE NURSING PROGRAM AT MOUNT SAN  
11 ANTONIO COLLEGE IN WALNUT RECEIVING HER R.N. DEGREE. SHE  
12 STARTED WORKING AT CENTRAL JUVENILE HALL BACK IN 1992, WORKING  
13 FOR JUVENILE COURT HEALTH SERVICES FOR 23 YEARS, AND HAS BEEN  
14 A RECIPIENT OF VARIOUS AWARDS AND CHALLENGES. SHE WORKS IN  
15 COLLABORATION WITH THE PROBATION DEPARTMENT, THE DEPARTMENT OF  
16 MENTAL HEALTH, AND VARIOUS PLACEMENT FACILITIES. WE THANK YOU  
17 FOR YOUR SERVICE AND YOUR COURAGE. THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE.]  
18 SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS?

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20 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAME CHAIR. I'M  
21 DELIGHTED TO HAVE FOUR OUTSTANDING INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE  
22 DESERVING OF OUR ACKNOWLEDGMENT AND I BEGIN WITH NANCY  
23 ALVAREZ. NANCY, COME FORWARD. [APPLAUSE] NANCY BEGAN HER  
24 EMPLOYMENT WITH THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES FIRE DEPARTMENT IN  
25 OCTOBER OF 2011. SHE PREVIOUSLY WORKED AS A TRAUMA NURSE IN





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1 THE LONG BEACH MEMORIAL MEDICAL CENTER EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT AS  
2 AN INSTRUCTOR AT THE PARAMEDIC TRAINING INSTITUTE AND AS A  
3 FORENSIC NURSE EXAMINER. SHE CURRENTLY IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE  
4 TRAINING AND EDUCATION AT DIVISION I, WHICH CONSISTS OF THREE  
5 BATTALIONS IN THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY FIRE LIFEGUARDS. SHE ALSO  
6 SERVES AS A PATIENT ADVOCATE BY DEVELOPING EDUCATIONAL  
7 BROCHURES FOR COMMUNITY OUTREACH REGARDING TOPICS FROM FREE  
8 AND LOW COST CLINICS TO STINGRAY SAFETY. I NEED A LITTLE BIT  
9 OF THAT, STINGRAY SAFETY. NANCY IS COMMITTED TO IMPROVING AND  
10 STRENGTHENING RELATIONSHIPS BETWEEN THE FIRE DEPARTMENT AND  
11 LOCAL HOSPITALS BY PARTICIPATING IN MONTHLY MEETINGS WITH  
12 LOCAL CLINICS AND HOSPITAL ADMINISTRATORS. SHE HAS  
13 DEMONSTRATED HER COMMITMENT TO EDUCATION AND TRAINING BY  
14 VOLUNTEERING HER TIME AS AN INSTRUCTOR IN THE COUNTY'S  
15 INTERNATIONAL FIRE TRAINING ACADEMY. NANCY IS AN INSPIRATION  
16 AND A ROLE MODEL AND I'M PROUD TO PRESENT HER WITH AN  
17 OUTSTANDING NURSE OF THE YEAR AWARD. GIVE A BIG ROUND OF  
18 APPLAUSE TO NANCY ALVAREZ. [APPLAUSE.] SHE BROUGHT THE CHIEF  
19 WITH HER AND ANOTHER MEMBER OF THE DEPARTMENT WHO PROVIDES  
20 LEADERSHIP. GIVE THEM A ROUND OF APPLAUSE. THE FIRE DEPARTMENT  
21 IS IN THE HOUSE. [APPLAUSE.] WELL LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, I'M  
22 NOW PLEASED TO RECOGNIZE MISS SHIRLEY ROSPA GARCIA. SHIRLEY,  
23 COME FORWARD. GIVE HER A ROUND OF APPLAUSE, WILL YOU?  
24 [APPLAUSE] SHIRLEY RECEIVED HER BACHELOR OF SCIENCE DEGREE IN  
25 NURSING FROM THE PHILIPPINE CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY IN THE YEAR



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1 1980. SHE BEGAN HER CAREER AS A STAFF NURSE AND ADULT AND  
2 ADOLESCENT INPATIENT PSYCHIATRIC UNIT AT ELMHURST HOSPITAL IN  
3 QUEENS, NEW YORK. IN 1987, SHE ACCEPTED A STAFF NURSE POSITION  
4 WITH THE CRISIS RESOLUTION UNIT AT THE HARBOR-U.C.L.A. MEDICAL  
5 CENTER AND WAS LATER PROMOTED TO MENTAL HEALTH COUNSELOR R.N.,  
6 AN ADULT OUTPATIENT CLINIC AT THE HARBOR-U.C.L.A. MEDICAL  
7 CENTER. SHIRLEY HAS FOUND HER 28-YEAR CAREER AT HARBOR-  
8 U.C.L.A. TO BE BOTH CHALLENGING AND REWARDING. SHE HAS THRIVED  
9 WITH THE MULTIDISCIPLINARY TEAM AND MULTICULTURAL SETTING  
10 WHILE ACTIVELY LISTENING TO CLIENTS AND ADVOCATING FOR THEIR  
11 NEEDS. SHIRLEY'S ADVICE TO NEW AND FUTURE NURSES IS THAT,  
12 QUOTE, "THE KEY TO FINDING JOY AND CONTENTMENT IN NURSING IS  
13 TO BE DRIVEN BY A STRONG DESIRE TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN OTHER  
14 PEOPLE'S LIVES RATHER THAN MERELY COMPLETING TASKS IN A  
15 ROUTINE FASHION." END QUOTE. I'M PLEASED TO PRESENT SHIRLEY  
16 WITH AN OUTSTANDING NURSE OF THE YEAR AWARD. PLEASE GIVE  
17 SHIRLEY GARCIA A BIG ROUND OF APPLAUSE FOR A JOB WELL DONE.  
18 [APPLAUSE.] WE ACKNOWLEDGE DR. ROBIN KAY, GIVE HER A ROUND OF  
19 APPLAUSE, THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH. [APPLAUSE] NOW  
20 LET'S BRING FORTH CARLETTA HENDERSON. CARLETTA, ROUND OF  
21 APPLAUSE, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, REGISTERED NURSE IN THE URGENT  
22 CARE CENTER AT THE MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. OUTPATIENT CENTER.  
23 SHE BEGAN HER CAREER THERE AS A RECENT GRADUATE FROM L.A.  
24 SOUTHWEST COLLEGE SCHOOL OF NURSING IN OCTOBER OF 1992 AND HAS  
25 NOW BEEN WITH THE DEPARTMENT FOR 24 YEARS. HER TRAINING BEGAN



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1 IN THE INPATIENT ANTIPARTUM HIGH-RISK OBSTETRICS UNIT AND  
2 WHERE SHE WORKED FOR FIVE YEARS SPECIALIZING IN FETAL  
3 MONITORING AND LABOR AND DELIVERY. SHE THEN MOVED TO THE  
4 EMERGENCY ROOM, WHERE SHE WORKED FOR 10 YEARS SPECIALIZING IN  
5 EMERGENCY MEDICINE AND TRAUMA CENTER NURSING. CURRENTLY SHE  
6 WORKS IN URGENT CARE, WHERE ALL OF HER PREVIOUS TRAINING IS  
7 BEING PUT TO GOOD USE ON A DAILY BASIS. CARLETTA IS INCREDIBLY  
8 PROUD TO BE A NURSE AND IS MOTIVATED BY HER TWO CHILDREN,  
9 CHRIS AND KRISTIN. I'M PLEASED TO PRESENT CARLETTA HENDERSON  
10 WITH AN OUTSTANDING NURSE OF THE YEAR AWARD. PLEASE JOIN ME IN  
11 GIVING HER A BIG ROUND OF APPLAUSE AND THANKING HER FOR HER  
12 MANY YEARS OF SERVICE. [APPLAUSE.] NOW, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,  
13 MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, LET'S BRING FORWARD LOQUITA WHITESIDE.  
14 GIVE HER A BIG ROUND OF APPLAUSE. WE'RE DELIGHTED THAT SHE'S  
15 HERE. [APPLAUSE] LOQUITA GREW UP IN WATTS AND WAS RAISED BY A  
16 SINGLE MOTHER WHOSE DILIGENCE AND PERSEVERANCE INSTILLED IN  
17 HER THE SIGNIFICANCE OF EDUCATION. SHE EARNED A BACHELOR'S  
18 DEGREE FROM CAL STATE UNIVERSITY, LONG BEACH, AN L.V.N. DEGREE  
19 FROM LONG BEACH CITY COLLEGE, AND AN R.N. DEGREE FROM L.A.  
20 COUNTY'S COLLEGE OF NURSING AND ALLIED HEALTH. SHE BELIEVES IN  
21 EDUCATION. LOQUITA JOINED THE COUNTY IN THE YEAR OF 2005 AS A  
22 NURSING ATTENDANCE AT THE KING-DREW MEDICAL CENTER AND  
23 TRANSFERRED TO HARBOR-U.C.L.A. MEDICAL CENTER IN 2007. SHE  
24 FULFILLS MANY ROLES: PRECEPTOR, CHARGE NURSE, UNIT COMMITTEE  
25 CHAIR, AND RESPECTED MEMBER OF THE NURSING PROFESSION. LOQUITA



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1 GOES BEYOND THE CALL OF DUTY EVERY DAY. SHE WENT INTO NURSING  
2 TO HELP OTHERS AND TO PROVIDE COMPASSION TO THOSE WHO NEED IT  
3 MOST. HER GOALS ARE TO IMPROVE THE QUALITY OF LIFE OF HER  
4 CHILDREN AND HER PATIENTS AND SERVE AS A ROLE MODEL FOR  
5 OTHERS. WOULD YOU JOIN ME IN GIVING LOQUITA WHITESIDE A BIG  
6 KNOWLEDGE OF APPLAUSE AND ACKNOWLEDGE HER FOR AN OUTSTANDING  
7 NURSE OF THE YEAR. [APPLAUSE.] A BIG ROUND OF APPLAUSE FOR ALL  
8 THE LADIES. [APPLAUSE.] SUPERVISOR KUEHL?

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10 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** THANK YOU, COLLEAGUES. I'M HONORED TO  
11 PRESENT TWO OUTSTANDING NURSES AND TO HONOR THEM WHO RESIDE IN  
12 THE THIRD DISTRICT. AND THE REASON THE THIRD DISTRICT IS GOING  
13 LAST IS BECAUSE WE ROTATE EVERY WEEK, IN CASE YOU DON'T KNOW  
14 OUT THERE, SO THAT SOMEBODY GETS TO GO FIRST EVERY FIVE WEEKS.  
15 AND THAT MEANS SOMEBODY GOES LAST EVERY FIVE WEEKS. BUT WE  
16 HONOR OUR NURSES IN THE THIRD DISTRICT NONETHELESS. FIRST,  
17 JENNIFER SMITH, IF YOU WOULD COME FORWARD. BIG ROUND OF  
18 APPLAUSE, AS MY COLLEAGUE SAYS. [APPLAUSE.] RECEIVED HER  
19 BACHELOR'S DEGREE IN NEUROSCIENCE IN 2007 FROM U.S.C. AND HER  
20 MASTER'S DEGREE IN NURSING IN 2012 FROM CHARLES DREW  
21 UNIVERSITY. STARTED WORKING FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND  
22 FAMILY SERVICES IN JULY OF 2014 AND HAS WORKED THROUGHOUT THE  
23 ANTELOPE VALLEY IN BOTH THE D.C.F.S. PALMDALE AND LANCASTER  
24 OFFICES. SHE ADVOCATES ON BEHALF OF CHILDREN TO ENSURE THAT  
25 THEIR HEALTHCARE NEEDS ARE MET AND THAT THEY RECEIVE THE



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1 APPROPRIATE LEVEL OF CARE. SHE ASSISTS HER PEERS IN OTHER  
2 D.C.F.S. OFFICES AND WORKS WITH MEDICAL CASE MANAGEMENT  
3 SERVICES TO ASSIST CHILDREN WHO HAVE COMPLICATED MEDICAL  
4 CONDITIONS. SHE TAKES GREAT CARE IN MAKING SURE THAT FAMILIES  
5 ARE CONNECTED TO RESOURCES, WHETHER IT'S TRANSPORTATION,  
6 EDUCATION, OR HEALTH INSURANCE AND ARE RECEIVING NEEDED  
7 MEDICATIONS AND SUPPLIES. SHE ALSO VOLUNTEERS THROUGH D.C.F.S.  
8 TEACHING CLASSES TO FOSTER PARENTS WHO CARE FOR CHILDREN WITH  
9 MEDICAL CONDITIONS. PLEASE JOIN ME IN CONGRATULATING AND  
10 THANKING JENNIFER FOR HER EXCELLENT WORK. [APPLAUSE.] OUR  
11 SECOND NURSE FROM THE THIRD DISTRICT WE'RE HONORING TODAY IS  
12 NESI NAPAD. YOU COULD SAY THAT NESI HAS NURSING IN HER BLOOD.  
13 SHE WAS BORN TO TWO LOS ANGELES COUNTY NURSES WHO INSPIRED HER  
14 WITH THEIR COMPASSION AND DEDICATION. AS A CHILD, SHE WAS AT  
15 OLIVE VIEW MEDICAL CENTER EVERY DAY AS HER MOTHER, A DAY SHIFT  
16 NURSE, HANDED HER TO HER FATHER COMING OFF HIS NIGHT SHIFT. IN  
17 2010, NESI BEGAN WORKING AT OLIVE VIEW IN THE EMERGENCY  
18 DEPARTMENT. WHAT A SURPRISE, HEY? AS AN E.R. NURSE, SHE  
19 DEMONSTRATED A DEEP KNOWLEDGE OF DELIVERING CARE TO CRITICALLY  
20 ILL PATIENTS. WHEN SHE DISCOVERED THAT HER HANDWRITTEN NOTES  
21 WERE BEING USED BY NEW NURSES TO ORIENT THEMSELVES IN THE  
22 E.R., SHE CREATED A LEARNING TOOL THAT LISTED COMMON E.R.  
23 COMPLAINTS, TREATMENT ALGORITHMS, AND EXPECTED NURSING TASKS.  
24 HER ENTHUSIASM FOR PROMOTING A HIGH STANDARD OF QUALITY  
25 PATIENT CARE TO ALL NURSES LED TO HER CURRENT POSITION AS THE





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1 EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT'S NURSE EDUCATOR. SHE HAS REVAMPED THE  
2 E.R.'S NEW NURSE ORIENTATION AND IS CURRENTLY DEVELOPING A NEW  
3 GRAD PROGRAM WITH CLINICAL TRAINING, A SKILLS LAB, AND A  
4 DIDACTIC LECTURE SERIES. SHE IS AN O.R.C.H.I.D. SUPERVISOR, A  
5 PATIENT SAFETY COMMITTEE MEMBER, AND JOINT COMMISSION  
6 TASKFORCE MEMBER. NESI OBTAINED HER CERTIFIED EMERGENCY NURSE  
7 DEGREE IN 2013 AND IS CURRENTLY IN SCHOOL AT LOMA LINDA  
8 UNIVERSITY FOR HER DOCTORATE OF NURSE PRACTICE AS AN ADULT  
9 CLINICAL NURSE SPECIALIST. WOW. CONGRATULATIONS, NESI, ON  
10 BEING NAMED ONE OF OUR COUNTY'S OUTSTANDING NURSES.

11 [APPLAUSE.] PLEASE GIVE A BIG ROUND OF APPLAUSE TO ALL OF OUR  
12 WONDERFUL NURSES. [APPLAUSE]

13

14 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** CAN WE GET ALL MEMBERS UP HERE?

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16 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** TALL PEOPLE IN THE BACK, HA-HA. [LAUGHTER.]  
17 [APPLAUSE]

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19 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU.

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21 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WELL, EARLIER THIS MORNING I HAD THE  
22 OPPORTUNITY OF MEETING WITH THE HONORABLE VICE GOVERNOR WANG  
23 HESHAN, WHO IS THE VICE GOVERNOR OF NINGXIA AUTONOMOUS REGION  
24 IN CHINA TO LOS ANGELES COUNTY WITH HIS DELEGATION. NINGXIA IS  
25 THE HOME OF THE HUI PEOPLE, ONE OF THE 56 OFFICIALLY



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1 RECOGNIZED NATIONALITIES OF CHINA, AND IT'S IN THE NORTHERN  
2 PART OF CHINA ON THE SOUTHERN BORDER OF INNER MONGOLIA  
3 AUTONOMOUS REGION, WHICH IS HOME TO OUR SISTER REGION OF LOS  
4 ANGELES COUNTY --. THE VICE GOVERNOR IS ACTIVELY PROMOTING  
5 ECONOMIC RELATIONSHIPS AND TOURISM. THEIR ECONOMY IS RAPIDLY  
6 GROWING AND DIVERSIFYING, AND THEY HAVE A VERY GROWING WINE  
7 INDUSTRY. SO WE KNOW THAT UNDER YOUR LEADERSHIP, THE REGION  
8 WILL CONTINUE TO FLOURISH AND GROW. WE HOPE THAT -- THIS IS  
9 HIS FOURTH VISIT TO THE UNITED STATES, AND WE HOPE THAT HIS  
10 FIFTH VISIT AFTER THIS VISIT WILL COME BACK TO LOS ANGELES  
11 COUNTY TO ENSURE MORE JOINT ECONOMIC INVESTMENTS BETWEEN THE  
12 PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA AND THE UNITED STATES AND THE  
13 UNITED STATES AND CHINA. SO, MR. VICE GOVERNOR, WELCOME, GOOD  
14 MORNING, AND YOUR DELEGATION. [APPLAUSE]

15

16 **WANG HESHAN:** [SPEAKING FOREIGN LANGUAGE]

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18 **INTERPRETER:** GOOD MORNING, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN. IT IS MY  
19 GREAT HONOR TO HAVE A CERTIFICATE AND ALSO TO ATTEND THIS  
20 EVENT TODAY. I'M THE DEPUTY GOVERNOR OF THE NINGXIA PROVINCE  
21 IN CHINA. OUR MISSION TO LOS ANGELES IS TO TRY TO PROMOTE OUR  
22 FRIENDSHIP AND CULTURE WITH THE UNITED STATES. WELCOME ALL THE  
23 FRIENDS FROM L.A. COUNTY TO NINGXIA. ONCE AGAIN, THANK YOU  
24 VERY MUCH FOR L.A. COUNTY. THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE.]

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1    **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** MEMBERS, WE'RE MIXING IT UP THIS  
2    MORNING. ADD SOME SPICE TO LIFE. I AM VERY HONORED AND PLEASED  
3    TO INTRODUCE TO YOU OUR NEW GERMAN CONSUL GENERAL IN LOS  
4    ANGELES, THE HONORABLE HANS-JOERG NEUMANN TO BE PRESENTED HERE  
5    FORMALLY TO US. THE CONSUL GENERAL IS A CAREER OFFICER WITH  
6    NEARLY 30 YEARS EXPERIENCE IN THE GERMAN FOREIGN SERVICE. HE  
7    HAS SERVED AS DEPUTY HEAD OF MISSION AT THE GERMAN EMBASSY IN  
8    ROMANIA AND THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OF THE GERMAN EMBASSY IN  
9    CAIRO AS WELL AS THE FOREIGN DESK OFFICE OF THE MAGHREB  
10   COUNTRIES OF NORTH AFRICA. HE IS WELL-ACQUAINTED WITH THE  
11   UNITED STATES, HAVING BEEN AN EXCHANGE STUDENT WITH THE  
12   AMERICAN FIELD SERVICE IN PENNSYLVANIA IN 1974, AND FROM 2001  
13   TO 2005 HE WAS POLITICAL ADVISOR AND HEAD OF CONSULAR AND  
14   LEGAL AFFAIRS AT THE GERMAN EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON, D.C. BEFORE  
15   HE WENT INTO THE FOREIGN SERVICE, HE STUDIED LAW IN GERMANY  
16   AND IN SWITZERLAND AND PRACTICED LAW IN FRANKFURT. HE CAME TO  
17   LOS ANGELES AFTER SERVING AS AMBASSADOR TO BENIN IN WEST  
18   AFRICA. ON BEHALF OF THE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AND THE  
19   MORE THAN 10 MILLION RESIDENTS IN THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES,  
20   WE ARE PLEASED TO WELCOME CONSUL GENERAL NEUMANN TO LOS  
21   ANGELES AND TO PLEDGE OUR SUPPORT TO HIM AND HIS MISSION TO  
22   ENHANCE THE ALREADY SPECIAL RELATIONSHIP THAT WE ENJOY BETWEEN  
23   THE UNITED STATES AND GERMANY. [APPLAUSE]  
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1   **HANS-JOERG NEUMANN:** MADAME CHAIR, HONORABLE MEMBERS OF THE  
2   BOARD, I DON'T KNOW WHETHER YOU WERE AWARE THAT 8 PERCENT OF  
3   CALIFORNIANS ARE OF GERMAN DESCENT, AND THIS BOARD  
4   OVERFULFILLS ITS PERCENTAGE WITH 20 PERCENT, BECAUSE TO MY  
5   KNOWLEDGE, SUPERVISOR MR. DON KNABE IS ALSO OF GERMAN DESCENT.  
6   SO -- AS WELL? OH, I'M AMAZED. SO, IT'S 40 PERCENT, EVEN, OF  
7   GERMAN DESCENT, SO THAT'S WONDERFUL. BESIDES THAT, YOU SHOULD  
8   KNOW WE HAVE ABOUT 60,000 PEOPLE WITH A GERMAN PASSPORT IN  
9   SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ALONE. WE HAVE ABOUT 45 GERMAN CLUBS AND  
10   ASSOCIATIONS ONLY IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA. AND WE DO HAVE AN  
11   ENORMOUS AMOUNT OF BUSINESS IN YOUR REGION. GERMANY IS THE  
12   FIFTH LARGEST TRADING PARTNER OF CALIFORNIA AND THE GREATER  
13   LOS ANGELES REGION, AND WE ARE THE ONLY EUROPEAN COUNTRY IN  
14   THE TOP 10. SO, FOR ME IT'S A GREAT HONOR TO BE ABLE TO SERVE  
15   HERE AND TO CONTINUE WHAT MY 17 PREDECESSORS HAVE ALREADY  
16   DONE, BECAUSE I'M NUMBER 18. WE ARE HERE SINCE 1952, SO QUITE  
17   A WHILE. AND IT'S A GREAT HONOR THAT WE ARE RECOGNIZED HERE BY  
18   THE BOARD, AND I PROMISE THAT I WILL DO MY BEST TO WORK VERY  
19   CLOSELY WITH YOU ALL. AND THANK YOU VERY MUCH ALSO FOR  
20   INVITING US TO L.A.C.M.A. THIS YEAR WITH A WONDERFUL  
21   EXHIBITION ON THE RENAISSANCE, WHICH WILL START ON THE 16TH OF  
22   NOVEMBER. AND I HOPE THAT YOU ALL WILL BE PRESENT FOR THE  
23   INAUGURATION. AND I WILL CONTINUE TO HOPEFULLY BE A GUEST AND  
24   A FRIEND OF THE BOARD. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. THANK YOU VERY



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1 MUCH FOR THE HONOR, AND I HOPE TO SEE YOU VERY SOON AGAIN.

2 THANK YOU VERY MUCH. [APPLAUSE]

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4 **SUP. MICHAEL ANTONOVICH:** NOW WE'RE GOING TO RECOGNIZE VINCE  
5 BERESFORD, WHO IS THE NEWLY APPOINTED PRESIDENT OF THE GO FOR  
6 BROKE NATIONAL EDUCATION CENTER. ON JUNE 5, 1999, THE GO FOR  
7 BROKE MONUMENT WAS DEDICATED IN DOWNTOWN LOS ANGELES RIGHT  
8 ACROSS FROM THE JAPANESE MUSEUM, REFLECTING THEIR MOTTO "TO GO  
9 FOR BROKE" OR "GIVE IT THEIR ALL." THE GRANITE MONUMENT  
10 REMAINS A STRIKING TRIBUTE TO THE NISEI SOLDIERS WHO FOUGHT  
11 OVERSEAS IN WORLD WAR II. TODAY THE FOUNDATION CONTINUES ITS  
12 WORK IN EDUCATIONAL OUTREACH TO SHARE THE LEGACY OF THE NISEI  
13 VETERANS IN PARTNERSHIP WITH ORGANIZATIONS INCLUDING THE  
14 MUSEUM OF TOLERANCE, THE JAPANESE AMERICAN NATIONAL MUSEUM,  
15 THE NATIONAL VETERANS NETWORK. THEY HOPE TO INSPIRE THE NEXT  
16 GENERATION TO LIVE IN THE VALUES, THOSE VALUES EMBODIED BY THE  
17 NISEI SOLDIERS OF COURAGE, HUMILITY, SELF-SACRIFICE,  
18 INTEGRITY, EQUALITY, AND PATRIOTISM. VINCE HAS DEVOTED HIS  
19 LIFE TO HELPING THE COMMUNITY. HE SERVES AS AN ADJUNCT  
20 PROFESSOR AT AZUSA PACIFIC UNIVERSITY, WHERE HE CREATED THE  
21 EXPERIMENTAL-BASED CURRICULUM. HE SERVED AS THE EXECUTIVE  
22 DIRECTOR OF THE CHILD S.H.A.R.E. PROGRAM AND WITH THE HOPE  
23 FOUNDATION TO HELP CHILDREN SUFFERING WITH MENTAL ILLNESS. MAY  
24 28, THE GO FOR BROKE NATIONAL EDUCATION CENTER WILL OPEN THE  
25 DEFINING COURAGE EXHIBITION, A NEW INTERPRETATIVE CENTER THAT





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1 WILL EXPLORE THE CONCEPT OF COURAGE. SO WE WANT TO  
2 CONGRATULATE YOU, VINCE. I KNOW I WAS THERE AT THE BEGINNING,  
3 WHEN THEY HAD THE FIRST DEDICATION OF THAT MONUMENT. AND,  
4 AGAIN, IT'S A TRIBUTE TO THE MEN AND WOMEN WHO SUFFERED SO  
5 MUCH AND GAVE SO MUCH TO OUR FREEDOMS TO HELP US WIN THAT  
6 WORLD WAR II. SO, CONGRATULATIONS. GOD BLESS. [APPLAUSE.]

7

8 **VINCE BERESFORD:** WELL, THANK YOU FOR THIS TREMENDOUS  
9 OPPORTUNITY. AND I GUESS I WOULD LOVE TO SHARE THAT THERE'S  
10 REALLY -- GO FOR BROKE NATIONAL EDUCATION CENTER EXISTS FOR  
11 THREE PURPOSES. AND AS WE'VE TALKED ABOUT ALREADY, WE WANT TO  
12 MAKE SURE THAT WE REMEMBER THE INCREDIBLE SACRIFICE THAT WAS  
13 MADE FOR US BY THE JAPANESE AMERICAN SOLDIERS, WHO NOT ONLY  
14 BECAME THE MOST DECORATED MILITARY UNIT IN MILITARY HISTORY,  
15 BUT THEY DID THAT WHILE OVERCOMING INCREDIBLE BOUTS OF RACISM  
16 AND THEY HAD THEIR CIVIL RIGHTS AND HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATED AT  
17 THE SAME TIME. AT THE SAME TIME, WE WANT TO EDUCATE PEOPLE.  
18 PEOPLE MIGHT EVEN KNOW THE STORY ABOUT THE INCREDIBLE  
19 DIFFERENT NUANCES WITHIN THAT STORY. AND ULTIMATELY WE WANT TO  
20 INSPIRE PEOPLE. WE WANT TO INSPIRE PEOPLE BY THEIR STORY TO  
21 MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN TODAY, WHERE WE DEFINE COURAGE AND  
22 ARTICULATE THAT IN A WAY WE CAN AFFECT OUR WORLD TODAY. SO  
23 THANK YOU FOR THIS OPPORTUNITY. AND THANK YOU FOR THIS GREAT  
24 AWARD. THANK YOU, SIR. [APPLAUSE.]

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1    **SUP. MICHAEL ANTONOVICH:** OH, THE DOG WENT TO THE BATHROOM.  
2    OKAY. WELL, BETTER OUT THERE THAN OUT HERE. THERE WILL BE A  
3    POTTY BREAK FOR LITTLE JET, WHO IS EIGHT WEEKS OLD. AND HE'S A  
4    LITTLE COCKER SPANIEL MIX. SO WE'LL WAIT FOR LITTLE JET,  
5    BECAUSE WE HAVE PATIENCE, WHICH IS A VIRTUE. RIGHT, SHEILA?  
6    HERE IS LITTLE JET. ALL WRUNG OUT. OKAY. LOOK OVER HERE.  
7    LITTLE JET'S LOOKING FOR A HOME. SO YOU CAN CALL 562-256-1649.  
8    AND LITTLE JET WILL BRING -- MARK IS LOOKING AT LITTLE JET. I  
9    KNOW WHEN I WAS IN HIGH SCHOOL, JUNIOR HIGH, I USED TO  
10   SUBSCRIBE TO JET MAGAZINE. THIS IS LIKE A LITTLE COVER STORY  
11   RIGHT HERE, HUH? JET SAID HE'D LIKE TO RIDE IN A LITTLE RED  
12   PORSCHE.

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14   **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** I'M SORRY. ONLY CATS RIDE IN THE CAR WITH  
15   HIM.

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17   **SUP. MICHAEL ANTONOVICH:** HIP CATS, HUH?

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19   **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** IT'S MY PLEASURE TO HONOR THE GROUP WHO IS  
20   UP THE CREEK WITH A PADDLE. SO EVERY YEAR, AS I'M SURE YOU ALL  
21   KNOW BECAUSE YOU'RE PAYING ATTENTION, MORE AND MORE PEOPLE  
22   KAYAK. AND IT IS THANKS TO ORGANIZATIONS LIKE THE LOS ANGELES  
23   KAYAK CLUB. THIS CLUB WAS ESTABLISHED IN 2002. IT INTRODUCES  
24   NEW PADDLERS TO FLATWATER AND WHITEWATER KAYAKING AND HAS BEEN  
25   A LEADER IN DEVELOPING THE LOCAL FACILITIES NEEDED FOR L.A.



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1 COUNTY KAYAKERS. SO PLEASE HELP ME CONGRATULATE AND ANTHEA  
2 RAYMOND OF THE L.A. KAYAK CLUB AND THE REST OF THOSE WHO JOIN  
3 HER FOR THEIR GREAT WORK IN FOSTERING THIS WONDERFUL WATER  
4 SPORT. [APPLAUSE.] OKAY. YOU DREW THE SHORT STRAW.

5

6 **ANTHEA RAYMOND:** WELL, THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR THIS HONOR. AND  
7 WE'RE REALLY SYMBOLS OF A LOT OF PEOPLE WHO DEDICATE THEIR  
8 LIVES TO TEACHING OTHERS. AND I THINK OF KAYAKING AS VERY MUCH  
9 A COMMUNITY. AND WHAT'S AMAZING IS WE CAME TO LOS ANGELES FROM  
10 NEW ZEALAND, AND WE FOUND ALL OF THESE PEOPLE WHO FROM TOTALLY  
11 DIFFERENT BACKGROUNDS WHO BONDED THROUGH KAYAKING, THROUGH  
12 THESE LIFE CHANGING EXPERIENCES. AND SO I JUST SEE THIS AS A  
13 CHANCE TO CREATE COMMUNITY ACROSS LOS ANGELES, ACROSS THE  
14 WORLD. AND, AGAIN, I WANT TO ACKNOWLEDGE ALL OF THE OTHER  
15 PEOPLE WHO HELP THERE. AND THANK YOU VERY MUCH AGAIN FOR THIS  
16 HONOR.

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18 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE WOULD LIKE TO  
19 READ IN AN ITEM.

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21 **LORI GLASGOW, EXEC. OFCR.:** THANK YOU, MADAME CHAIR. ON ITEM  
22 28, I'D LIKE TO ASK FOR RECONSIDERATION FOR IT TO BE CONTINUED  
23 ONE WEEK TO MAY 17, 2016, INSTEAD OF REFERRED BACK. AND ALSO  
24 ON ITEM 41, INSTEAD OF REFERRING THIS ITEM BACK, THE SHERIFF  
25 REQUESTS THAT THIS MATTER BE CONTINUED TO MAY 31ST.



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2 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** WITHOUT OBJECTION, SUCH WILL BE THE  
3 ORDER. VERY GOOD. SECOND. MOVED AND SECONDED WITHOUT  
4 OBJECTION.

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6 **LORI GLASGOW, EXEC. OFCR.:** THANK YOU.

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8 **RECORDING:** LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, MAY I PLEASE HAVE YOUR  
9 ATTENTION. THE MEETING OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF  
10 SUPERVISORS IS ABOUT TO COMMENCE. A CODE OF CONDUCT WILL NOW  
11 BE READ, AND WE REQUEST THAT YOU COMPLY WITH IT TO ENSURE THE  
12 EFFICIENT ADMINISTRATION OF THE MEETING. MEMBERS OF THE  
13 PUBLIC, IT IS YOUR RIGHT TO PARTICIPATE IN TODAY'S BOARD  
14 HEARING, AND THE BOARD ENCOURAGES SUCH PARTICIPATION. HOWEVER,  
15 THE RIGHT OF THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE BOARD MUST BE BALANCED  
16 WITH THE NEED TO ENSURE THAT PUBLIC COMMENT DOES NOT INTERFERE  
17 WITH THE ORDERLY COURSE OF THE BOARD'S BUSINESS. ALL ARE  
18 REMINDED TO ABIDE BY THE FOLLOWING RULES: SPEAKERS MUST CEASE  
19 SPEAKING IMMEDIATELY WHEN THEIR TIME HAS ENDED. PUBLIC COMMENT  
20 ON AGENDA ITEMS MUST RELATE TO THE SUBJECT MATTER OF THAT  
21 ITEM. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT IS LIMITED TO SUBJECTS WITHIN THE  
22 JURISDICTION OF THE BOARD. PUBLIC COMMENT DOES NOT INCLUDE THE  
23 RIGHT TO ENGAGE IN A DIALOGUE WITH BOARD MEMBERS OR STAFF.  
24 PLEASE REMAIN RESPECTFUL OF THE FORUM AND REFRAIN FROM  
25 UTTERING, WRITING OR DISPLAYING PROFANE, PERSONAL,



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1 THREATENING, DEROGATORY, DEMEANING OR OTHER ABUSIVE STATEMENTS  
2 TOWARDS THE BOARD, ANY MEMBER THEREOF, STAFF, OR ANY OTHER  
3 PERSON. MEMBERS OF THE AUDIENCE SHOULD BE RESPECTFUL OF THE  
4 VIEWS EXPRESSED BY SPEAKERS, STAFF AND BOARD MEMBERS AND MAY  
5 NOT CLAP, CHEER, WHISTLE, OR OTHERWISE DISRUPT THE ORDERLY  
6 CONDUCT OF THE MEETING. ANY PERSON ENGAGING IN CONDUCT THAT  
7 DISRUPTS THE MEETING IS SUBJECT TO BEING REMOVED FROM THE  
8 BOARD MEETING. AND, FINALLY, IF YOU WITNESS CONDUCT OR  
9 BEHAVIOR BY OTHER MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC THAT DISRUPTS YOUR  
10 ABILITY TO REMAIN ENGAGED OR PARTICIPATE IN THIS MEETING,  
11 PLEASE NOTIFY THE SERGEANT AT ARMS OR OTHER COUNTY STAFF.  
12 THANK YOU FOR YOUR COOPERATION.

13

14 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** VERY GOOD. WE HAVE SPEAKERS NOW THAT  
15 HAVE HELD SOME ITEMS. WE'D LIKE TO CALL THEM UP. MOLLIE H. HAS  
16 HELD ITEM 12. DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL HAS HELD ITEM 1-H, 16,  
17 19, 20, 22, 23, AND 51. ERIC PREVEN HAS HELD ITEM 1-P, 12, 16,  
18 17, 18, 22, 23, 40, 42, 47, 53-A AND C.S.-4. ARNOLD SACHS HAS  
19 HELD ITEM 1-D, 2-H, 1-P, 13, 16, 17, 52 AND C.S.- 1. GO AHEAD,  
20 MA'AM.

21

22 **MOLLIE H.:** HI, I'M MOLLIE. AND I'M GOING TO SPEAK ON NO. 12.  
23 THE LAS VIRGINES HOMEOWNERS' FEDERATION OF THE SANTA MONICA  
24 MOUNTAINS STRONGLY AND UNANIMOUSLY SUPPORT AGENDA ITEM NO. 12  
25 AND THE CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL AND THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY



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1 SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT AND IN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE CRITICAL  
2 NEW SAFETY MEASURES TO PROTECT OUR RESIDENTS AND COMMUNITIES  
3 AND VISITORS ALIKE FROM THE ILLEGAL AND DANGEROUS RACING AND  
4 OTHER UNSAFE DRIVING BEHAVIORS ON MULHOLLAND HIGHWAY.  
5 ACCIDENTS AND INCIDENTS FROM UNLAWFUL MOTORCYCLES AND CARS,  
6 SPEEDING COMPETITIONS, AND ACTIVITIES ON THIS SNAKE STRETCH OF  
7 MULHOLLAND HAVE BEEN INCREASING AT AN ALARMING RATE. THEY RUN  
8 MOTORISTS OFF THE ROAD. THE OVERTURNING CARS AND MOTORCYCLE  
9 CRASHES ENDANGER ALL. TO MAKE MATTERS WORSE, CROWDS GATHER  
10 ROADSIDE TO WATCH THE DANGEROUS SPECTACLES. IN ILLICIT RACING,  
11 THE SITUATION HAS CLEARLY ELEVATED INTO OUT OF CONTROL. WE ARE  
12 GRATEFUL FOR SUPERVISOR KUEHL FOR HER EFFORTS TO SAFEGUARD  
13 THIS STRETCH OF MULHOLLAND FOR EVERYONE AND RESPECTFULLY  
14 REQUEST THAT YOU ALL SUPPORT THE LAW ENFORCEMENT EFFORTS TO  
15 ENHANCE TRAFFIC SAFETY, INCLUDING RESTRICTED PARKING AND NO-  
16 STOPPING SIGNS. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

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18 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, MA'AM.

19

20 **ARNOLD SACHS:** YES, THANK YOU, GOOD MORNING, ARNOLD SACHS. AND  
21 ALTHOUGH I DID HOLD VERY MANY ITEMS, I AM ONLY GOING TO  
22 CONCENTRATE ON C.S.-1. BY THE WAY, YOU HAVE AN ERROR IN YOUR  
23 RECORDS ACCORDING TO YOUR AGENDA. IT SAYS NO REPORTABLE ACTION  
24 WAS TAKEN ON C.S.-2 LAST WEEK, WHICH WAS THE ALISO CANYON OR  
25 THE PORTER RANCH, BUT SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH ASKED FOR SOME





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1 INFORMATION BACK. OH, BUT HE DID THAT BEFORE IT WAS CONSIDERED  
2 IN CLOSED SESSION. EXCUSE ME. WE DIDN'T GET A CHANCE TO TALK  
3 ON THAT. BUT NEVERTHELESS, I APPRECIATE SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH,  
4 AND I'M GOING THE APOLOGIZE FOR BEING A HEMORRHOID, BECAUSE  
5 PEOPLE SHOULD TAKE THAT HE IS TRYING TO GET PEOPLE REIMBURSED  
6 FOR THEIR COSTS AND EXPENSES, AND I FEEL THAT THAT'S A NOBLE  
7 IDEA AND I AM GOING TO TRY AND HELP. SO, KEEP IN MIND THAT  
8 WHAT YOU'RE HEARING FROM A LOT OF PEOPLE ARE CRIMINAL CASES OR  
9 YOU CAN LOOK AT SOMETHING LIKE THE POWER PLANT THAT SHUT DOWN  
10 IN SAN DIEGO THAT WAS JUST REOPENED, THE SAN ONOFRE  
11 SETTLEMENT. THAT'S NOT MONEY THAT'S GOING TO GO THE PUBLIC.  
12 THAT'S MONEY THAT'S GOING TO BE COLLECTED AS FINES. SO YOU  
13 HAVE A CIVIL LAWSUIT CASE ROUTE THAT YOU COULD TAKE. AND YOU  
14 SHOULD KEEP THAT IN MIND, BECAUSE SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH HAS  
15 MENTIONED, WHEN I UNFAIRLY ATTACKED HIM, THAT IT WAS THE  
16 CITY'S RESPONSIBILITY. KEEP THAT IN MIND. MAKE SURE YOUR  
17 LAWYERS HEAR THAT. YOU CAN CHECK MINUTES. MAYBE SUPERVISOR  
18 ANTONOVICH WILL MAKE THE COUNTY BOARD MINUTES AVAILABLE TO THE  
19 PUBLIC SO THAT IT'LL HELP THEM WHEN THEY ARE PURSUING CIVIL  
20 CASES, TO MAKE THEMSELVES WHOLE, BECAUSE EVERYBODY WOULD KNOW  
21 THAT THEIR REAL ESTATE PROPERTY VALUES HAVE PLUMMETED BECAUSE  
22 OF THE GAS LEAK. THERE WAS ANOTHER ARTICLE THAT STATED THAT  
23 ALTHOUGH THE HOMES ARE A MILE AWAY FROM THE LEAKING WELL, THE  
24 FACILITY IS 2 MILES LONG. SO YOU DON'T KNOW WHERE YOU'RE  
25 SITTING ON THAT. ALSO, LOOK AT THE HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATION.



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1 THERE WAS AN ARTICLE FROM 1/8/14 THAT STATES THAT ALTHOUGH THE  
2 HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATION WAS INCORPORATED 1/10/07, IT SOLD ITS  
3 FIRST CONDOMINIUM ON 1/10/08. NO OWNERS WERE ON THE BOARD. IN  
4 2011, HOMEOWNERS TOOK CONTROL OF THE BOARD FROM THE  
5 DEVELOPERS. SO KEEP THAT IN MIND WHEN YOU'RE PURSUING YOUR  
6 CIVIL CASES. MAKE SURE YOUR ATTORNEYS KNOW THAT. MAKE SURE,  
7 BASED ON WHAT SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH MENTIONED ABOUT THE CITY  
8 OF LOS ANGELES, THAT YOU CHECK INTO CITY OF LOS ANGELES  
9 MINUTES. MAYBE SOME OF THE COUNCILMEMBERS, SUCH AS MARK  
10 RIDLEY-THOMAS OR JANICE HAHN, MIGHT HAVE OKAYED SOME OF THAT  
11 DEVELOPMENT. THEY PUT YOU IN HARM'S WAY. MAKE SURE YOU GET AS  
12 MUCH AS YOU CAN. SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH HAS STEPPED UP. I'M  
13 TRYING TO HELP HIM ALONG.

14

15 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** NEXT SPEAKER.

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17 **DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL:** GOOD MORNING, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS.  
18 DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL. THE REASON I HELD ALL THOSE ITEMS IS  
19 BECAUSE THEY ALL HAVE SOMETHING IN COMMON. THEY ARE INCREASING  
20 THE CONTRACT OF THOSE ORGANIZATIONS. YOU KNOW, RECENTLY WE  
21 HAVE HAD A DIARRHEA OF SOLE-VENDOR CONTRACTS. AND NOW WE ARE  
22 HAVING EXTENSION OF THOSE CONTRACTS WITHOUT NEVER COMING BACK.  
23 WHAT'S GOING ON? IT IS VERY WRONG TO HAVE ALL THOSE CONTRACTS  
24 EXTENDED. AND I'M SURE MANY OF THEM TO START WERE PROBABLY  
25 SOLE VENDER CONTRACTS, BECAUSE LATELY WE HAVE HAD NUMEROUS



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1 ITEMS LIKE THAT. I THINK THIS NEEDS TO STOP. IT IS WRONG TO  
2 HAVE ALL THOSE CONTRACTS EXTENDED, SOME OF THEM WITH INCREASE  
3 IN PAYMENT, SOME NOT. BUT EITHER WAY, THAT'S NOT A WAY  
4 BUSINESS SHOULD BE CONDUCTED, BECAUSE YOU GET A CONTRACT  
5 INITIALLY SOLE VENDOR, THEN YOU GET EXTENSION, NOBODY ELSE GET  
6 ANY CHANGE. WHAT'S GOING ON? I THINK AUDIT -- THOSE CONTRACTS  
7 SHOULD BE AUDIT. THANK YOU. YOU CAN HAVE THE REST OF MY TIME.

8

9 **ERIC PREVEN:** OH, THANK YOU. IT IS ERIC PREVEN FROM THE THIRD  
10 DISTRICT. TODAY IS A JAMPACKED AGENDA, AND I AGREE. I'M  
11 INCREASINGLY WORRIED ABOUT THE SOLE-SOURCE CONTRACTING THAT  
12 SEEMS TO BE GOING ON. I KNOW THAT THE SUPERVISOR FROM THE  
13 SECOND DISTRICT WAS ALSO CONCERNED ABOUT THAT. TODAY AT ITEM  
14 1-P, A MEASURE OF GRATITUDE IS IN ORDER TO THE EXECUTIVE  
15 OFFICER WHO HAS FINALLY AGREED TO POST LINKS TO THE STATEMENT  
16 OF PROCEEDINGS. AND I DO APPRECIATE THAT IN THE INTEREST OF  
17 OPEN GOVERNMENT AND TRANSPARENCY. I THINK WE'RE CLOSE. WE  
18 WOULD BE A LITTLE CLOSER BY LINKING TO THE ACTUAL ITEM SO THAT  
19 THE MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC WOULDN'T HAVE TO SCROLL THROUGH ALL  
20 OF THOSE STATEMENT OF PROCEEDINGS. BUT I THINK WE ARE MOVING  
21 QUICKLY INTO THE 21ST CENTURY, AND I VERY MUCH APPRECIATE  
22 THAT. 2-P, I HAVE TO SAY I WAS CONCERNED ABOUT THE \$350,000,  
23 EVEN THOUGH I AM SUPPORTIVE FOR A MONUMENT FOR THE MEMORIAL.  
24 IT SEEMS A LOT OF MONEY. I MEAN, CAN'T WE GET SOME ARTISTS TO  
25 DO A MORE MUTED EXPENDITURE, SINCE THERE ARE SO MANY PRESSING



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1 ISSUES? ITEM NO. 10, I GUESS, IS GOING TO COME BACK, SPECIAL  
2 OR NOT, BUT THIS IS THE MILLIONAIRE TAX. IT IS COMING BACK.  
3 MOVING ON. OKAY. ITEM NO. 40 REQUIRES A TEENY BIT OF  
4 INVESTIGATION. THIS IS THE -- BELIEVE IT OR NOT WE'RE DOING A  
5 DISPATCH RENOVATION. WE HEARD THE OTHER DAY WE WERE DOING A  
6 CAFETERIA INSTALLMENT AT THE HALL OF JUSTICE. THIS IS THE HALL  
7 OF RECORDS. SO THE HALL OF RECORDS IS NOT THE HALL OF JUSTICE,  
8 CORRECT ME IF I'M WRONG, BUT WE ARE DOING A RENOVATION THAT IS  
9 TAGGED AT \$314,000 AND WE ARE GOING TO DO IT WITH A JOB ORDER  
10 CONTRACT, WHICH MEANS THAT A GROUP IS ON TIME AND MATERIALS,  
11 WICKHAM, WILL BE DOING THE WORK. THE CONSTRUCTION FOR THE  
12 PROJECT IS \$150,000. SO IT RAISES THE QUESTION: WELL, THEN WHY  
13 IS THE BUDGET 314? AND THOSE WHO LIKE TO LOOK AT BUDGETS  
14 QUICKLY GLANCE AT IT AND THERE ARE ITEMS THAT ARE LISTED. BUT  
15 THOSE WHO LIKE TO LOOK A LITTLE MORE DEEPLY REALIZE THAT THE  
16 \$164,000 IN ADDITIONAL COSTS ARE KIND OF FUDGED. I MEAN, FIRST  
17 OF ALL, HOW COULD WE BE DOING \$2,000 ON A RENOVATION OF A  
18 CLOSET OF SOME KIND OR THIS ROOM? HOW COULD WE BE DOING  
19 PRINTING AND LEGAL ADVERTISING, \$2,000? AND JURISDICTIONAL  
20 REVIEW TO WORK IN OUR OWN BUILDING \$1,500? AND THEN \$60,000,  
21 THAT MAY BE REAL FOR FURNITURE AND STUFF, BUT I THOUGHT THE  
22 WHOLE POINT OF JOB ORDER CONTRACTING IS WE AVOID DOING THINGS  
23 THAT ARE OFF BOOK. CONSULTANT SERVICES, \$5,000? I MEAN, THIS  
24 REALLY DOES REQUIRE YOUR ATTENTION. IT'S THE SHERIFF. SO, IF  
25 THE SHERIFF CAN'T GET IT STRAIGHT ON A \$314,000 RENOVATION, WE



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1 DO HAVE A PROBLEM, BECAUSE THIS IS A MAN WHO HAS BILLIONS OF  
2 DOLLARS THAT HE CAN PUSH THIS WAY AND THAT. AND IT DOES WORRY  
3 ME. FROM THE LEGAL CORNER, WHERE NOBODY LIKES TO LOOK, BECAUSE  
4 IT IS PAINFUL, WE HAVE A CASE, ITEM 47, WHICH IS A CASE  
5 INVOLVING CRAIG AND WENDY HUMPHRIES VERSUS THE COUNTY OF L.A.  
6 A LONG TIME AGO IN 2001 THERE WAS A WRONGFUL DETENTION IN THE  
7 D.C.F.S. ENVIRONMENT, AND IT RESULTED IN THEM BEING TAGGED AS  
8 BAD PEOPLE ON A LIST. BUT WE HAVE SPENT \$2.4 MILLION IN  
9 SETTLEMENT. WE HAVE SPENT OVER A MILLION DOLLARS DEFENDING  
10 AGAINST THIS CASE. AND IT IS PAINFUL. IT IS PAINFUL, BECAUSE  
11 YOU HEAR ABOUT PEOPLE, NOT SO RECENTLY, BUT GRIEVING ABOUT  
12 THOSE VARIOUS ISSUES. AND I WILL TAKE HER MINUTE IF IT'S  
13 APPROPRIATE. I HAVE A COUPLE MORE, IF YOU DON'T MIND. SO THAT  
14 CASE IS ITEM 47.

15

16 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** IT'S TIME.

17

18 **ERIC PREVEN:** ITEM 45 -- TIME WHAT?

19

20 **ATTORNEY:** SHE CEDED HER TIME TO YOU, BUT THEN, HAS THAT TIME  
21 RUN PLUS YOUR ADDITIONAL TIME? ONE MORE MINUTE? ALL RIGHT. HE  
22 HAS ONE MORE MINUTE.

23

24 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** ONE MORE MINUTE.

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1   **ERIC PREVEN:** [GOING OFF MIC.] LET'S KEEP IT BETWEEN US.  
2   THERE'S NO REASON TO AMPLIFY IT OR PUT IT ON THE RECORD, SIR.  
3   DO YOU? ALL RIGHT, FINE. I APPRECIATE THE ADHERENCE TO THE  
4   RULE THERE. ITEM NO. 37, WHICH I BELIEVE HAS BEEN CONTINUED  
5   BUT I WANTED TO RAISE IT UP, HAS TO DO WITH THE SHERIFF'S  
6   DEPARTMENT RECEIVING SOME MONEY FOR BOATING SAFETY. BOATING  
7   SAFETY IS A CRITICAL DIMENSION TO THE MARINA AND TO THE  
8   COASTLINE. AND AS KUEHL AND KNABE KNOW, WHO HAVE DISTRICTS  
9   THAT ABUT THE OCEAN DIRECTLY, WE HAVE TO DO EVERYTHING WE CAN  
10   TO MAKE SURE THAT THE WATERS ARE SAFE AND THAT THE SHERIFF HAS  
11   AMPLE FUNDS TO PROVIDE THAT WORK. THE SHERIFF'S STATION IS  
12   RIGHT THERE IN MARINA DEL REY NEAR A LITTLE PLOT THAT THIS  
13   EVENING THERE WILL BE AN ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERING HEARING ON  
14   CALLED BOAT CENTRAL. THEY'RE GOING TO TRY TO PUT UP A --  
15   BELIEVE IT OR NOT, SIR, I KNOW THAT ON A DAY WHEN WE'RE TAXING  
16   THE MILLIONAIRES, THIS IS AN ITEM THAT IS GOING TO LOAD BOATS  
17   AUTOMATICALLY INTO THE WATER, AUTOMATICALLY MEANING THROUGH AN  
18   AUTOMATED SYSTEM. NOW, WHEN WE BROUGHT THIS TO THE COASTAL  
19   COMMISSION, WHICH SUPERVISOR KUEHL IS A BIG CHAMPION, SHE'S  
20   VERY INVOLVED IN THAT STUFF, THEY BARELY APPROVED IT. THERE  
21   WERE MULTIPLE EX PARTE MEETINGS WITH WENDY MITCHELL AND THE  
22   LIKE WHO WERE ROLLING THEIR EYES COLLECTIVELY AT HOW CAN WE BE  
23   DOING THIS IN 2016? HOW CAN WE BE INSTALLING SUCH AN OBVIOUSLY  
24   SORT OF FOR THE PRIVILEGED GROUP, BECAUSE IT'S NOT GOING TO BE  
25   AFFORDABLE AND THERE IS NO WAY TO MAKE THESE THINGS WORK. AND





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1 THE COASTAL COMMISSION SORT OF FAILED TO THE STAFF, BRING IT  
2 FORWARD TO THE COMMISSION IN A WAY THAT WAS CLEAR. SO THAT'S  
3 BEEN CHALLENGED IN ITS OWN WAY. BUT TONIGHT WE'LL HEAR FROM  
4 THE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC AND THE MARINA DEL REY. AND I WOULD  
5 URGE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO COME AND LISTEN TO YOUR  
6 CONSTITUENTS ABOUT WHY THIS IS PROBLEMATIC. THANK YOU.

7

8 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** GO AHEAD.

9

10 **LORI GLASGOW, EXEC. OFCR.:** MADAME CHAIR, THE FOLLOWING ITEMS  
11 ARE BEFORE YOU. OH, I'M SORRY. YOU HAVE ONE MORE.

12

13 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** YEAH, WE HAVE ONE MORE SPEAKER. GERI  
14 MANNING. SHE'S HELD ITEM -- THE ITEM'S BEEN HELD 19. GERI  
15 MANNING?

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17 **GERI MANNING:** GOOD MORNING.

18

19 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** MORNING, MA'AM.

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21 **GERI MANNING:** I'M FINE, HOW ARE YOU? I WANT TO SPEAK ON  
22 PSYCHIATRIC HEALTH. GERIATRICS WAS NAMED AFTER ME TO MATCH MY  
23 NAME WITH A SERIOUS PSYCHIATRIC MENTAL ILLNESS AT AT U.C.L.A.  
24 AND OTHER HIGH-PROFILE MENTAL INSTITUTIONS. THEREIN IS MY  
25 CLAIM FOR CRIMES AGAINST MY HUMANITY RIGHTS ISSUES, WHEREFORE



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1 I AM DIAGNOSED WITH THE MENTAL ILLNESS SCHIZOPHRENIA AFTER A  
2 MASSIVE MEDIA INTERRUPTION OF MY FAITH. C.N.N. HAS LED ME TO  
3 BELIEVE THAT THE LORD GOD JESUS CHRIST HAS LEFT ME BEHIND. AS  
4 A RESULT, SATAN HAS ENTERED INTO MY BODY AND HAS CAUSED ME TO  
5 LEAVE BOTH OF MY DAUGHTERS SHARINAS MANNING BALCONY ON THE  
6 THIRD FLOOR. I DIED. THE LORD GOD JESUS CHRIST HAD BROUGHT ME  
7 BACK TO LIFE. AND WHEN I CLOSE MY EYES, I SEE HELL. SUPERVISOR  
8 MICHAEL ANTONOVICH WAS IN MY DAUGHTER'S APARTMENT LAST NIGHT  
9 AS THE DEVIL. IT'S NOT FUNNY, HILDA SOLIS. YOU SAY IN YOUR  
10 PREVIOUS LIFE THAT YOU'VE BEEN WORKING ON POVERTY ISSUES. I  
11 ADMONISH YOU TO BE MINDFUL OF MY CASE AGAINST THE SKULLS AND  
12 BONES COMMUNITY AND NOT MAKE LIGHT OF IT. MICHAEL ANTONOVICH  
13 WAS IN MY APARTMENT AND HE DID TELL ME THAT THE QUEEN OF  
14 ENGLAND, QUEEN ELIZABETH II WANTED TO HELP ME, BUT I CHOOSE TO  
15 SERVE THE LORD GOD JESUS CHRIST. I DON'T WANT THE QUEEN'S  
16 HELP. I AM FACING A MENTAL HEALTH ISSUE RIGHT NOW. THE CASE  
17 SHOULD HAVE BEEN DISMISSED, BUT THEY REFERRED IT TO A MENTAL  
18 HEALTH CASE NOW. AND NOW YOU HAVE MENTAL HEALTH ON YOUR  
19 AGENDA, AND THEREFORE I AM TAKING IT UP WITH THE COUNTY FOR  
20 THE PERSECUTION AND OPPRESSION AND DEPRIVATION I'VE  
21 EXPERIENCED FROM THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES. IT'S NOT FUNNY.  
22 IT'S VERY SERIOUS. THE LORD GOD JESUS CHRIST IS MY GOD. HE IS  
23 MY KING. HE IS RETURNING. HE HAS COME BACK TO JUDGE BOTH THE  
24 LIVING AND THE DEAD, AND YOU ALL ARE DEAD. JUST BECAUSE YOU'RE  
25 IN THE FLESH DOES NOT MAKE YOU ALIVE. THANK YOU.



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2 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THERE IS SOMEONE THAT CAN SPEAK TO  
3 YOU FROM DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH. IF YOU'LL JUST WAIT, THE  
4 STAFF WILL DIRECT YOU. LET'S CONTINUE OUR ITEM.

5

6 **GERI MANNING:** WHAT IS THIS REGARDING?

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8 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** REGARDING YOUR ISSUE. YOU CAN MEET  
9 WITH OUR MENTAL HEALTH STAFF. YOU'LL JUST BE ESCORTED DOWN THE  
10 WALKWAY THERE. OKAY. LET'S MOVE ON.

11

12 **LORI GLASGOW, EXEC. OFCR.:** MADAME CHAIR, THE FOLLOWING ITEMS  
13 ARE BEFORE YOU, ITEM 1-D, 1-H, 2-H, 1-P, 12, 13, 16, 17, 18,  
14 19, 20, 22, 23, 40, 42, 47, 51, 52 AND 53-A.

15

16 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THOSE ITEMS ARE MOVED BY SUPERVISOR  
17 ANTONOVICH. SECONDED WITHOUT OBJECTION. SUCH WILL BE THE  
18 ORDER. MEMBERS, WE'RE GOING TO MOVE TO ITEM NO. 3 QUICKLY.  
19 THAT IS SUPERVISOR KNABE.

20

21 **SUP. KNABE:** YEAH, MADAME CHAIR, THANK YOU VERY MUCH. I HELD  
22 THE ITEM. IT'S MY ITEM. I JUST REMIND EVERYONE, WHEN WE  
23 STARTED THE -- CREATED ACTUALLY 20 YEARS AGO THE SAFE HOUSE  
24 PROGRAM, WE HAD NO IDEA AT THAT POINT THAT OUR CHILDREN WOULD  
25 NEED ADDITIONAL PROTECTION FROM THE MONSTERS LOOKING TO



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1 SEXUALLY EXPLOIT THEM. OFTENTIMES THESE VICTIMS HAVE NO PLACE  
2 TO GO TO HELP AND END UP GOING BACK TO THEIR PIMP, TRAFFICKER,  
3 WHERE THEY ARE SUBJECTED TO MORE ABUSE AND EXPLOITATION. WE'VE  
4 MADE INCREDIBLE STRIDES TO COMBAT CHILD SEX TRAFFICKING OF  
5 MINORS ACROSS OUR REGION AND SUPPORT THE VICTIMS OF THIS  
6 HORRIFIC CRIME. BUT THERE'S STILL A LOT MORE THAT WE CAN DO.  
7 THE SAFE HOUSE PROGRAM IS VERY SIMILAR TO OUR SAFE SURRENDER  
8 PROGRAM, WHERE THEY ARE EASILY IDENTIFIED BY THE WHITE AND  
9 BLUE PLACARDS THAT WE HAVE AT FIRE STATIONS AND HOSPITALS.  
10 SINCE WE IMPLEMENTED THAT PROGRAM IN 2001, 145 145 NEWBORN  
11 BABIES HAVE BEEN SAVED. FOR THE LAST SEVERAL MONTHS, OUR  
12 INTEGRATED LEADERSHIP TEAM HAS BEEN WORKING ON WAYS TO REBRAND  
13 AND EXPAND THE SAFE HOUSE PROGRAM TO CREATE SAFE HARBORS FOR  
14 VICTIMS OF CHILD SEX TRAFFICKING. THESE ARE NOT LOCKED  
15 FACILITIES BUT COUNTY FACILITIES EASILY IDENTIFIABLE TO KIDS  
16 AND STAFF BY ADULTS WHO CAN OFFER THAT PROTECTION. SO I  
17 BELIEVE RIGHT NOW IS THE APPROPRIATE TIME TO MOVE FORWARD WITH  
18 DEVELOPING A PROTOCOL TO HELP THESE VICTIMS SEEK HELP AND A  
19 STRATEGY TO IMPLEMENT. AND WITH THAT, MADAME CHAIR, I WOULD  
20 MOVE THE ITEM.

21  
22 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** WE HAVE TWO SPEAKERS BEFORE WE VOTE  
23 ON THE ITEM, ERIC PREVEN AND ARNOLD SACHS.



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1 **ERIC PREVEN:** IT IS ERIC PREVEN FROM THE THIRD DISTRICT, AND I  
2 JUST WANT TO SAY I'M SUPPORTIVE OF THIS MOVE. AND I'M  
3 SUPPORTIVE OF A NAME CHANGE, AS WELL. YOU KNOW, MY CAREER AS A  
4 WRITER, SOMETIMES IT JUST FEELS LIKE THERE'S AN EXTRA WORD IN  
5 THERE. BUT I DO LIKE THE IDEA OF CHANGING IT FROM SAFE HOUSE  
6 TO SAFE ZONE. AND BY ADDING YOUTH, WHICH IS THE THIRD WORD,  
7 THAT MAKES IT A LITTLE LONGER, OF COURSE IT DOES EARMARK THAT  
8 IT'S A SAFE ZONE FOR YOUTH, WHICH IS IMPORTANT, BUT I'D JUST  
9 LIKE THE IDEA THAT IT'S A SAFE ZONE FOR ANYONE. AND IF THEY  
10 HAPPEN TO BE 18 INSTEAD OF 17, SO, I DON'T KNOW. BRANDING  
11 MATTERS. TODAY YOU'RE SPENDING A LOT OF ITEM ON 22 WITH  
12 C.B.S., INC. ON BRANDING FOR VARIOUS MESSAGES OF H.I.V. AND  
13 S.T.D.S AND THEN OTHER ONES. THERE'S ANOTHER. ITEM 23 IS ALSO  
14 RELATED TO EXPENDITURES TO GET THE WORD OUT. SO I APPLAUD THE  
15 SUPERVISOR FOR TAKING A LEADING ROLE HERE. THANKS.

16

17 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** NEXT SPEAKER?

18

19 **ARNOLD SACHS:** YES, THANK YOU. GOOD MORNING. ARNOLD SACHS. AND  
20 I'M SOMEWHAT UPSET WITH MYSELF. I WAS JUST LOOKING AT A PAPER  
21 THAT WAS PUT OUT BY THE DEPARTMENT OF PROBATION THAT ACTUALLY  
22 DIRECTLY TALKED ABOUT THIS PROGRAM. AND WHAT WAS FASCINATING  
23 IN THAT PAPER, I BELIEVE THE INTERIM PROBATION DIRECTOR, I'LL  
24 BRING IT NEXT WEEK, MENTIONED THAT THE COUNTY COMMERCIAL  
25 SEXUALLY EXPLOITED CHILDREN IS ONE AGENCY AND THE INTEGRATED



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1 LEADERSHIP TEAM IS ANOTHER AGENCY. THEY'RE ON THE SAME TRACK.  
2 AND THE NUMBER OF HOMES AVAILABLE THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY A  
3 COUNTY OF 10 MILLION PEOPLE, APPROXIMATELY HOW MANY PEOPLE ARE  
4 CONSIDERED UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF CHILD SEX TRAFFICKING? AND I  
5 DISAGREE WITH PUBLIC SAFETY AGENCIES LABELING THIS AS A YOUTH  
6 ZONE, BECAUSE THERE ARE OTHER PEOPLE THAT ARE COMMERCIALY  
7 EXPLOITED FOR SEXUAL TRAFFICKING. ADULTS GET COMMERCIALY  
8 EXPLOITED. IMMIGRANTS GET COMMERCIALY EXPLOITED. ACTUALLY  
9 IT'S THE NEW NUMBER-ONE SOURCE OF INCOME FOR ILLEGAL  
10 ACTIVITIES, BECAUSE THERE'S NO, QUOTE/UNQUOTE, VICTIM. THERE'S  
11 NO DRUGS TO DELIVER. THERE'S NOTHING. YOU JUST BRING THE  
12 PEOPLE IN AND YOU PUT THEM TO WORK. SO WHO DO THEY TURN TO?  
13 WHO INVESTIGATES THOSE CRIMES? ILLEGAL WORKERS IN SWEAT SHOPS,  
14 EXPLOITED. IT'S AN UMBRELLA-TYPE THING. AND SO BY LIMITING IT  
15 TO YOUTH, YOU'RE EXCLUDING THOSE OTHER PEOPLE. YOU'RE  
16 EXCLUDING THE PUBLIC. I WOULD SAY IT'S A NOBLE IDEA FROM  
17 SUPERVISOR KNABE, BUT THAT MAKES ME WANT TO CHOKER. SO, THESE  
18 OTHER GROUPS, IS THERE A PROGRAM FOR THEM TO TURN TO?

19

20 **SUP. KNABE:** MADAME CHAIR, MOVE THE ITEM.

21

22 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** OKAY. THE ITEM'S BEEN MOVED AND  
23 SECONDED, WITHOUT OBJECTION. BEFORE WE HEAR OUR SPECIAL ORDER,  
24 WE HAVE ONE MORE ITEM TO TAKE UP THAT I THINK WE CAN DISPOSE  
25 OF. ITEM NO. 2, AND THAT IS SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH AND KUEHL.





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**SUP. MICHAEL ANTONOVICH:** THE MOTION BEFORE US WOULD BE TO  
CREATE ONE-STOP CENTERS ALL OVER THE COUNTY AND NOT JUST ONE  
REGIONAL ONE STOP IN ALHAMBRA. THAT'S WHAT WE HAD ON THE  
AGENDA. TO DO THAT WOULD REQUIRE ADDITIONAL SPACE AND  
LOCATIONS, WOULD TAKE A LOT OF TIME. IN THE MEANTIME, I WOULD  
LIKE TO SEE THAT WE WOULD MOVE FORWARD WITH THE ALHAMBRA ONE  
STOP, AND THEN YOU CAN DIRECT THE REGIONAL PLANNING DEPARTMENT  
AND THE C.E.O. TO EXPLORE THE COST AND LOGISTICS IF WE WOULD  
ESTABLISH SIMILAR ONES THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES.  
THIS WAY WE MOVE FORWARD WITH THE ALHAMBRA PROJECT, WHICH HAS  
ALREADY BEEN THROUGH THE PROCESS AND THAT THE DEPARTMENT  
SUPPORTS. AND MR. KNABE'S MOTION LOOKING AT HAVING OTHERS  
COULD BE STUDIED FOR A REPORT BACK AT A LATER TIME. SO WHAT I  
WOULD LIKE TO DO TO AMEND SUPERVISOR KNABE'S MOTION IS READ  
THAT WE WOULD SUPPORT THE ONE STOP IN ALHAMBRA, AS RECOMMENDED  
BY THE REGIONAL PLANNING DEPARTMENT, AND HIS MOTION FOR ONE-  
STOP CENTERS ALL OVER THE COUNTY WOULD BE REVIEWED, EXPLORED  
BY REGIONAL PLANNING AND THE C.E.O. WITH A LATER REPORT BACK  
TO THE BOARD WHEN THAT STUDY WOULD BE DONE.

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**SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR KUEHL?

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**SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** WELL, I WAS TRYING TO FIGURE OUT A WAY THAT  
WE MIGHT, AND AS LONG AS WE'RE EXPLORING THESE ISSUES ABOUT

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1 WHETHER THERE SHOULD BE ONE PLACE WHERE EVERYBODY GOES OR MANY  
2 PLACES WHERE EVERYBODY CAN GO AND GET MULTIPLE SERVICES, THAT  
3 IT'S POSSIBLE THAT WE'RE NOT TAKING ADVANTAGE OF TECHNOLOGY,  
4 AS WELL, IN TERMS OF REGISTERING ONLINE, FILING DOCUMENTS  
5 ONLINE, EVEN SKYPEING OR WHATEVER, YOU KNOW, TWO-WAY VIDEO, SO  
6 THAT PEOPLE CAN GO TO A PLACE, TALK TO ALL THE PEOPLE THEY  
7 WANT TO TALK TO AND POTENTIALLY NOT HAVE TO HAVE EVERYBODY IN  
8 ONE PLACE. IT SEEMS KIND OF 21ST-CENTURY. SO I WANTED TO  
9 PROPOSE AN AMENDMENT TO THE MOTION THAT WOULD FOLLOW ON THE  
10 SENTENCE THAT SAYS "THE PLAN SHOULD INCLUDE A COMPARISON OF  
11 BUDGET SCENARIOS FOR LOCAL ONE-STOP CENTER EXPANSION AND THE  
12 DEVELOPMENT OF A REGIONAL ONE STOP CENTER," WHICH IS WHAT I  
13 THINK WE'VE BEEN TALKING ABOUT. THIS AMENDMENT WOULD ADD  
14 "COMMA, AN ASSESSMENT OF THE POTENTIAL TO EMPLOY E-CONSULT OR  
15 VIDEO CONFERENCING FOR CONSULTATION WITH OTHER COUNTY  
16 DEPARTMENTS AND A DISCUSSION OF HOW EACH OPTION RELATES TO THE  
17 COUNTY'S DESIRE TO EXPAND THE DEPARTMENT OF REGIONAL  
18 PLANNING'S EPIC L.A. PERMITTING SYSTEM TO CREATE AN INTEGRATED  
19 ONLINE INTERFACE FOR ALL COUNTY PERMITS."

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21 **SUP. KNABE:** MADAME CHAIR, I THINK THAT'S A GREAT AMENDMENT. MY  
22 MOTION, I THOUGHT, IMPLIED THAT BUT THAT'S VERY SPECIFIC, AND  
23 I THINK THAT'S AN EXCELLENT IDEA.

24  
25 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** THEN WE'LL JUST MAKE IT MANIFEST.



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2 **SUP. KNABE:** NO, I AGREE. NO, I AGREE.

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4 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** SO, YOU ACCEPT THAT?

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6 **SUP. KNABE:** ABSOLUTELY.

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8 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR KNABE?

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10 **SUP. KNABE:** I MEAN, I SUPPORT THE AMENDMENT. AND THEN WITH MY  
11 MOTION -- I DON'T SUPPORT MOVING FORWARD WITH THE ALHAMBRA,  
12 THE ONE THAT MIKE BROUGHT IN AT THIS POINT.

13

14 **SUP. MICHAEL ANTONOVICH:** I WOULD SAY MOVING FORWARD WITH  
15 ALHAMBRA AND WITH THE SUPERVISOR KUEHL AND SUPERVISOR KNABE'S  
16 MOTION FOR A STUDY REPORT BACK, BECAUSE IT IS IMPORTANT THAT  
17 WE MOVE FORWARD. THE DEPARTMENT ALREADY IS IN SUPPORT OF THE  
18 ALHAMBRA. THEY'VE BEEN WORKING ON THAT. AND IF WE ARE  
19 INTERESTED IN HELPING TO CREATE JOBS, WE CAN HIT THE GROUND  
20 RUNNING IN DOING THAT BY SIMPLIFYING THE PROCESS. AND ALSO  
21 HAVING THE STUDY BACK FROM THE TWO AMENDMENTS BY SUPERVISOR  
22 KUEHL AND KNABE ACHIEVES THEIR GOAL, AS WELL, IS TO HAVE THAT  
23 STUDY. OTHERWISE WE'RE GOING TO HAVE A LONG DELAY IN STUDIES  
24 BEFORE WE IMPLEMENT.

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1   **SUP. KNABE:** NO. WE'VE GOT MAY 24TH. THE WHOLE SITUATION WITH  
2   ALHAMBRA IS COMING BACK, CORRECT?

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4   **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** SACHI HAMAI, OUR CHIEF EXECUTIVE  
5   OFFICER?

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7   **SACHI HAMAI, C.E.O.:** SO, SUPERVISORS, JUST TO CLARIFY, A  
8   COUPLE WEEKS AGO THERE WAS A MOTION BY YOUR BOARD INSTRUCTING  
9   US TO COME BACK WITH THE FEASIBILITY OF LOOKING AT THE  
10  ALHAMBRA SITE, POTENTIALLY SPLITTING THAT UP AND KEEPING A  
11  PORTION OF THE REGIONAL PLANNING STAFF DOWNTOWN AND THEN  
12  PUTTING SOME AT THE OFFSITE LOCATION. WE ARE -- I THINK THE  
13  REPORT BACK WAS WITHIN THE NEXT 60 DAYS. PERHAPS -- I KNOW  
14  THIS REPORT BACK IS IN TWO WEEKS. OUR STAFF HAD MET YESTERDAY  
15  WITH ALL OF THE INDIVIDUALS WHO HAVE BEEN INVOLVED IN THE  
16  REGIONAL ONE STOP. PERHAPS WE COULD COME BACK.

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18  **SUP. KNABE:** ISN'T IT SUPPOSED TO COME BACK MAY 24TH? AREN'T  
19  YOU COMING BACK MAY 24TH?

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21  **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** WHY DON'T WE POSTPONE AT LEAST THIS  
22  ITEM UNTIL WE GET BACK INFORMATION, BECAUSE I, TOO, HAVE  
23  CONCERNS ABOUT MOVING FORWARD WITH THE ALHAMBRA.

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1   **SACHI HAMAI, C.E.O.:** IT IS MAY 24TH. SO WE'LL BE COMING BACK,  
2   AND THIS WOULD BE IN SYNC WITH THAT IF WE COULD REPORT BACK AT  
3   THE SAME TIME ON ALL OF THESE MOTIONS, TO PUT THEM TOGETHER  
4   AND WE'LL HAVE ONE REPORT.

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6   **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** I THINK WE'RE ON THE RIGHT TRACK,  
7   THOUGH. I MEAN, I LIKE THE FACT THAT WE'RE GOING TO USE  
8   DIGITAL TECHNOLOGY. IT IS IMPORTANT, AND I REFER TO WHAT WE  
9   HAVE IN EAST L.A. WE HAVE A PERMITTING, YOU KNOW, WE HAVE A  
10   SLEW OF ONE-STOP DEPARTMENTS THERE WHERE PEOPLE COULD JUST  
11   COME UP, BECAUSE SOME FOLKS DON'T HAVE ACCESS AS READILY TO  
12   THE INTERNET OR JUST THE FACT THAT IT'S CLOSER ON THE GROUND  
13   FOR PEOPLE TO COME TO AND BE ABLE TO COME AND SPEAK TO SOMEONE  
14   IN PERSON IN THEIR LANGUAGE, WHICH IS ALSO REALLY IMPORTANT,  
15   AS WELL. I'M JUST THROWING THAT OUT. BUT I LIKE THE IDEA THAT  
16   WE KIND OF PUT THIS ALL TOGETHER AND THEN BRING IT BACK.

17

18   **SACHI HAMAI, C.E.O.:** SO MAY 24TH WE'LL REPORT BACK.

19

20   **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** IF THAT'S OKAY, MIKE?

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22   **SUP. MICHAEL ANTONOVICH:** ALL TOGETHER, THAT'S FINE.

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24   **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THAT WE WE INCLUDE OUR CONCERNS WHICH  
25   I THINK WILL HELP US.



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2 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** BECAUSE IN THE MOTION, IT ASKS FOR A  
3 COMPARISON OF COSTS, AS WELL, WHICH I THINK WE OUGHT TO LOOK  
4 AT BEFORE WE SAY LET'S GO ALL WAYS OR ONE WAY OR ANOTHER.

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6 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** SO WE'LL BRING THIS BACK ON MAY 24TH.

7

8 **SUP. KNABE:** BUT WE'RE STILL ACTING UPON MY MOTION AND OUR  
9 MOTION AND SHEILA'S AMENDMENT, CORRECT?

10

11 **SUP. MICHAEL ANTONOVICH:** IT'S ALL TOGETHER COMING BACK ON THE  
12 24TH.

13

14 **SACHI HAMAI, C.E.O.:** IT'S A REPORT, RIGHT, AND WE'LL REPORT  
15 BACK ON THE 24TH.

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17 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** YES. SO WE HAVE ANY OTHER COMMENTS  
18 FROM THE BOARD ON THAT? WE DO HAVE ERIC PREVEN, WHO WOULD LIKE  
19 TO SPEAK ON THIS ITEM BEFORE WE VOTE.

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21 **ERIC PREVEN:** THANK YOU. IT IS ERIC PREVEN FROM THE THIRD  
22 DISTRICT. AND I'D LIKE TO THANK THE MAYOR FOR STAYING AFTER  
23 THIS. THIS HAS BEEN A VERY LONG ROAD. HIS EFFORT TO ANNUALLY  
24 PROVIDE TESTIMONY THAT IT IS HARD FOR PEOPLE TO GET PERMITS IN  
25 ONE SPOT, AND WE ARE FINALLY MOVING IN THAT DIRECTION IN





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1 ALHAMBRA, IT SOUNDS LIKE. AND THEN IT SOUNDS LIKE THERE'S A  
2 SLIGHT DELAY TO FOLLOW-UP IN THE REST OF THE COUNTY WHICH  
3 SUPERVISOR KUEHL'S EXCELLENT SUGGESTION TO INCLUDE TECHNOLOGY  
4 IN 2016. AND I AGREE, SUPERVISOR SOLIS, NOT EVERYBODY IS  
5 ACCESSING EVERYTHING ON THE COMPUTER, SO IT'S IMPORTANT TO --  
6 HERE'S A SIMPLE PROPOSAL. LET'S MOVE FORWARD WITH ALHAMBRA.  
7 LET'S MOVE FORWARD IMMEDIATELY WITH EXPANDING SOME OTHER  
8 CENTERS IN OTHER PARTS OF THE COUNTY, AND LET'S GET A PRICE  
9 WHAT IT COSTS TO STICK ONE OF BRUCKNER'S GUYS OR GALS, A  
10 REGIONAL PLANNING PERSON IN THAT OFFICE, AND LET'S HAVE THE  
11 REGIONAL PLANNING PEOPLE INTERFACE WITH THE OTHER COUNTY  
12 DEPARTMENTS USING THE COUNTY'S VERY, VERY GOOD AND GETTING  
13 BETTER TECHNOLOGY THAT WILL THEN PROVIDE WHAT MR. KNABE'S  
14 ALWAYS BEEN AFTER, WHICH IS A KIND OF A CONCIERGE SERVICE FOR  
15 PEOPLE WHO ARE SEEKING THE APPROPRIATE COUNTY PERMITS, SO THAT  
16 THE BURDEN IS SHIFTED SLIGHTLY OFF OF THE PEOPLE WHO HAVE TO  
17 DRIVE AROUND RUSH HOUR TRAFFIC LIKE LUNATICS AND ON TO THE  
18 FOLKS WHO ARE PROVIDING THIS VERY GOOD PERMITTING SYSTEM. SO,  
19 I THINK THAT THAT WOULD BE A GREAT IDEA, AND I KNOW THAT  
20 TOMORROW IS A BUDGET HEARING. SO, IF THE C.E.O. COULD MAKE AT  
21 LEAST A PROPOSAL OF HOW MUCH THAT WOULD COST, THAT WOULD  
22 CERTAINLY BE PRACTICALLY NOTHING, BY THE WAY, BECAUSE THIS IS  
23 ABOUT RESHUFFLING THE VERY, VERY NICE ASSETS THAT WE CURRENTLY  
24 HAVE HERE AT THE COUNTY. SO THIS IS A VERY, VERY EXCITING



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1 TIME. AND I'M SO PLEASED TO SEE THE UNITY AMONG ALL OF YOU ON  
2 THIS. SO THANK YOU.

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4 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** ONE MORE. ARNOLD SACHS ON THIS ITEM.

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6 **ARNOLD SACHS:** YES, THANK YOU. GOOD MORNING AGAIN. ARNOLD  
7 SACHS. WHILE YOU ADDRESSED THIS ONE- STOP SHOPPING CENTER, YOU  
8 DON'T ADDRESS ANY OF THE CONSTRAINTS ON THE ZONING LAWS. SO I  
9 HAD A FEW ARTICLES HERE. THIS WAS A STORY ABOUT A DEVELOPMENT  
10 AT THE V.A. THAT TOOK 10 YEARS TO DEVELOP AND A STORY ABOUT  
11 RETAIL HOUSING BY U.S.C. THAT TOOK NINE YEARS TO DEVELOP AND A  
12 STORY ABOUT JORDAN DOWNS NOT BEING ABLE TO GET MONEY, BECAUSE  
13 THEY MISSED A CHANCE FOR AN APPLICATION WITH THE GOVERNMENT.  
14 YOU'RE NOT ADDRESSING THE ZONING. THE PERMITTING SYSTEM? WELL,  
15 LAST WEEK YOU REPORTED THAT THERE'S OVER 8,000 BUSINESSES THAT  
16 DON'T HAVE BUSINESS LICENSES. AND INCLUDING ON THIS AGENDA  
17 ITEM, WHICH IS FASCINATING, AND YOU'VE DISCUSSED ALHAMBRA,  
18 IT'S NOT INCLUDED ON THE AGENDA. AND MS. SOLIS, YOU MENTIONED  
19 PEOPLE DO NOT HAVE ACCESS. WELL, IF PEOPLE DON'T HAVE ACCESS  
20 TO GET THE AGENDA AND THEY GO BY WHAT'S WRITTEN ON THE AGENDA,  
21 THERE'S NO MENTION OF YOUR DISCUSSION REGARDING ALHAMBRA. AND  
22 ISN'T THAT, IN FACT, A VIOLATION OF THE BROWN ACT THAT YOU  
23 NEED TO HAVE ITEMS AGENDIZED SO THAT THE PUBLIC IS AWARE OF  
24 WHAT'S BEING DISCUSSED? THERE'S NOT ON WORD, NOT EVEN --

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1 **MARY WICKHAM, COUNSEL:** IT'S RELATED TO THE ITEM, SIR. IT'S  
2 RELATED. IT'S PART OF THE CONVERSATION.

3

4 **ARNOLD SACHS:** THERE'S A LOT OF THINGS THAT ARE RELATED.

5

6 **MARY WICKHAM, COUNSEL:** NO, WE COMPLIED WITH THE BROWN ACT,  
7 SIR, ON THAT ISSUE.

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9 **ARNOLD SACHS:** BUT IT'S NOT HERE, BECAUSE AS MS. SOLIS  
10 MENTIONED, PEOPLE WHO DO NOT HAVE ACCESS..

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12 **SUP. KNABE:** MADAME CHAIR, I MOVE THE ITEM.

13

14 **ARNOLD SACHS:** ..WOULD NOT HAVE ANY KNOWLEDGE THAT IT'S RELATED  
15 TO THAT ITEM, BECAUSE THEY DON'T HAVE ACCESS.

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17 **MARY WICKHAM, COUNSEL:** THE LAW REQUIRES THAT BROWN ACT COVERS  
18 SITUATIONS WHERE THE ISSUE IS RELATED TO THE ITEM ON THE  
19 AGENDA.

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21 **ARNOLD SACHS:** BUT IT DOESN'T COVER PUBLIC NOTIFICATION, MA'AM.

22

23 **MARY WICKHAM, COUNSEL:** YES, IT DOES, SIR.

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1   **ARNOLD SACHS:** AND THAT'S WHAT'S IMPORTANT. NO, IT DOESN'T. IT  
2   DOESN'T SAY ANYTHING ABOUT IT.

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4   **SUP. KNABE:** MOVE THE ITEM, MADAME CHAIR.

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6   **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THE ITEM IS BEFORE US. AND THIS IS  
7   THE REVISED MOTION BY KNABE AND MYSELF AS AMENDED BY KUEHL.  
8   AND IT HAS BEEN MOVED AND SECONDED. WITHOUT OBJECTION. WITH  
9   THE NOTICE THAT WE'LL GET A REPORT BACK ON MAY 23RD REGARDING  
10  ALL OF THIS INFORMATION. THANK YOU. NOW WE HAVE ARRIVED. AT  
11  THE SPECIAL HOUR. WE HAVE BEFORE US ITEM P-1 AND ITEM NO. 10.  
12  THIS IS A MOTION BY SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS. AND WE HAVE --  
13  WE'LL HEAR FROM THE BOARD MEMBERS, AND THEN WE HAVE A LIST OF  
14  23 SPEAKERS. ANYONE OTHER THAN THAT WILL THEN BE GIVEN --  
15  WE'LL GO BACK TO THE REGULAR TIME ALLOTTED TO SPEAKERS ON  
16  THAT. SO THE 23 WILL BE GIVEN THEIR TWO MINUTES EACH.  
17  SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS?

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19   **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU, MADAME CHAIR, MEMBERS OF THE  
20  BOARD. I'M PLEASED TO HAVE THIS DISCUSSION AS A FOLLOWUP TO --  
21  AND MADAME CHAIR, WE'RE GOING ASK THE SERGEANTS IF THEY WOULD  
22  CAUSE THOSE WHO ARE --

23

24   **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** CAN WE PLEASE HAVE THE AUDIENCE  
25  SEATED?



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2 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** BUT IT'S THE STAFF OVER HERE THAT I'M  
3 REALLY CONCERNED ABOUT.

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5 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** BUT WE'RE LOOKING AT EVERYONE. SO,  
6 I'M SEEING -- WE'LL MINIMIZE THE CHATTER OUT THERE, TOO. THANK  
7 YOU.

8

9 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** IMPORTANT ITEM, MADAME CHAIR, AND IT SEEMS  
10 TO ME THAT WE SHOULD BE FULLY FOCUSED. WE HAVE MADE THIS A  
11 PRIORITY. WE HAVE SAID THAT HOMELESSNESS IS THE ISSUE OF  
12 CONSEQUENCE FOR THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES. THE RECENT DATA  
13 THAT HAS BEEN PRESENTED US THIS PAST WEEK BY L.A.H.S.A., THE  
14 AGENCY RESPONSIBLE FOR THE HOMELESS COUNT, MAKES IT ABUNDANTLY  
15 CLEAR THAT HOMELESSNESS HAS INCREASED FROM 2015 TO 2016. WE  
16 HAD A CLEAR SENSE THAT THERE WERE CONCERNS ABOUT THIS MATTER,  
17 AND YET WE HAVE FULL UNDERSTANDING THAT THERE ARE NO SELF-  
18 CORRECTING FEATURES ABSENT OUR INTERVENTION. THIS IS WHY WE  
19 LAUNCHED AN UNPRECEDENTED SERIES OF DISCUSSIONS COUNTY-WIDE  
20 LED BY THE OFFICE OF THE C.E.O. AND BROUGHT A VERY COMPELLING  
21 REPORT BACK TO THIS BOARD WHICH WE ADOPTED EARLIER THIS YEAR.  
22 AND SO WE HAVE BEEN DELIBERATIVE. WE HAVE BEEN FIXED ON DUE  
23 DILIGENCE. WE HAVE BEEN COMPREHENSIVE. WE HAVE BEEN INCLUSIVE.  
24 MADAME CHAIR, I CONSIDER THIS TO BE ANOTHER STEP ON THAT  
25 JOURNEY AND IN THAT SAME VEIN. IT IS CLEAR TO ME IN LIGHT OF



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1 THE RECENT DATA THAT IT IS TIME FOR US TO ACT. WE HAVE BEEN  
2 ENGAGED IN A CAREFUL REVIEW. I'M GOING TO ASK A SERIES OF  
3 QUESTIONS TO THOSE WHO ARE AT THE TABLE FROM THE RESPECTIVE  
4 DEPARTMENTS, COUNTY COUNSEL AND THE C.E.O.'S OFFICE, SO THAT  
5 WE CAN PROCEED IN OUR CONVERSATION IN AN ORDERLY AND  
6 THOUGHTFUL MANNER. MADAME CHAIR, IT WOULD SEEM TO ME THAT IT  
7 WOULD BE USEFUL IF STAFF WOULD PROVIDE A CONTEXT FOR THIS  
8 MOTION, INCLUDING A BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE EFFORTS IN WHICH  
9 THE STAFF HAS BEEN ENGAGED TO IDENTIFY ONGOING REVENUE-  
10 GENERATING OPTIONS THAT WOULD ALLOW THE BOARD TO SUSTAIN THE  
11 PRIORITY. IN OTHER WORDS, THERE'S BEEN A ONE-TIME COMMITMENT  
12 TO THE EFFORT. BUT ALL OF US IN A VARIETY OF WAYS HAVE MADE IT  
13 ABUNDANTLY CLEAR THAT ONE-TIME COMMITMENTS WILL NOT ADDRESS  
14 THE CRISIS OF HOMELESSNESS IN THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES. SO IF  
15 YOU CAN SET THE CONTEXT, IT WOULD BE USEFUL PERTAINING TO THE  
16 BOARD-ADOPTED MOTION AND PLAN IN FEBRUARY OF THIS YEAR. I'D  
17 ALSO LIKE FOR YOU TO TALK WITH US ABOUT THE POLLING RESULTS  
18 THAT THE BOARD AUTHORIZED THAT ESSENTIALLY BUTTRESSED THE  
19 PRIORITY THAT WE ARE SEEKING TO ARTICULATE, GETTING A READ IN  
20 TERMS OF THE VOTERS FROM ONE END OF THE DISTRICT, FROM ONE END  
21 OF THE COUNTY TO THE NEXT, 1 THROUGH 5. AND IF YOU WISH TO  
22 DETAIL SOME OF THE COMMON RESULTS BEYOND THAT, IF YOU WERE  
23 ABLE TO GIVE US YOUR OWN TAKE ON THE L.A.H.S.A. NUMBERS AND  
24 WHAT THEY ARE TELLING US, AND, FINALLY, WE WANT TO HAVE SOME  
25 SENSE OF THE PRUDENCE OF THE MATTER BEFORE US. IS IT ADVISABLE





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1 FROM THE PERSPECTIVE OF THE OFFICE OF THE C.E.O., AND IF SO,  
2 WHAT IS THE RATIONALE FOR THAT? THOSE ARE THE CONCERNS AND THE  
3 QUESTIONS THAT I'D LIKE THE OFFICE OF THE C.E.O. AND COUNTY  
4 COUNSEL TO ADDRESS. AND IF THERE ARE OTHER CLARIFYING ISSUES,  
5 WE'D BE DELIGHTED TO HEAR THEM. THANK YOU.

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7 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR KUEHL?

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9 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** I AGREE WITH MY COLLEAGUE IN TERMS OF ALL  
10 OF THE ABOVE, INCLUDING HOW IMPORTANT THE ISSUE IS. WE  
11 RECENTLY WERE IN WASHINGTON FOR SEVERAL DAYS. AND EVERYWHERE  
12 WE WENT, IN EVERY OFFICE, HOMELESSNESS WAS THE ISSUE THAT WAS  
13 RAISED AGAIN AND AGAIN AND AGAIN. AND THE QUESTION: WHAT ARE  
14 YOU GOING TO DO? I THINK YOU'VE HEARD ME SAY BEFORE, IT'S KIND  
15 OF LIKE A BAD EPISODE OF "UPSTAIRS, DOWNSTAIRS." SOMEBODY  
16 MAKES THE MESS, WE CLEAN IT UP, BECAUSE IT'S NOT A MESS  
17 TOTALLY OF THE COUNTY'S MAKING, BUT EVERYONE LOOKS TO THE  
18 COUNTY AND OUR 88 CITIES TO DO SOMETHING. WHAT THE  
19 HOMELESSNESS COUNT SHOWED WERE REALLY THE UP SIDE AND THE DOWN  
20 SIDE OF ALL OF THOSE ISSUES. WHERE WE DEDICATE RESOURCES  
21 SPECIFICALLY TO A POPULATION, AS WE DID FOR VETERANS AND FOR  
22 HOMELESS FAMILIES, WE SAW REALLY AN UNPRECEDENTED DIMINUTION  
23 IN HOMELESSNESS IN THOSE TWO POPULATIONS. AT THE SAME TIME, IN  
24 THOSE AREAS WHERE WE DID NOT HAVE SUFFICIENT RESOURCES TO  
25 HOUSE EVERYONE, WE DID NOT SEE A DIMINUTION. AND INTERESTINGLY



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1 ENOUGH, EVEN WITH OUR VETERANS POPULATION, WE HAD, BY OUR  
2 COUNT, ABOUT 4,300 HOMELESS VETERANS A YEAR AGO JANUARY. WE  
3 HOUSED OVER 3,000 OF THEM. SO YOU WOULD THINK, WELL, WE'LL  
4 ONLY HAVE ABOUT A THOUSAND LEFT. BUT BECAUSE OF THE RAPID  
5 INFLOW OF NEW HOMELESS VETERANS FOR REASONS THAT VARY IN TERMS  
6 OF WHY THEY CAN'T AFFORD THE RENTS OR ARE NEWLY RETURNED FROM  
7 SERVICE, WE ACTUALLY STILL HAVE MORE THAN 3,000 HOMELESS  
8 VETERANS. THIS DOES NOT MEAN WE DID NOT DEVOTE AMAZING  
9 RESOURCES. IT SIMPLY MEANS THAT THE PROBLEM GOES ON AND ON AND  
10 ON. AND I THINK THAT UNDERSCORES THE NEED FOR THIS  
11 CONVERSATION, TO SEE WHAT WE CAN DO IN ADDITION TO THE  
12 HUNDREDS OF MILLIONS OF DOLLARS THAT WE'VE ALREADY COMMITTED  
13 TO FACING THIS PROBLEM AND GOING FROM HOMELESSNESS TO HOUSING.  
14 SO I ALSO LOOK FORWARD TO THE ANSWERS TO THE QUESTIONS AND THE  
15 REPORT. I THANK YOU FOR THE GOOD WORK THAT YOU'VE DONE ON  
16 THIS. AND I'M CERTAIN THAT WE'LL HAVE MORE TO SAY AFTER ALL IS  
17 SAID AND NOT QUITE DONE. THANK YOU.

18  
19 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** ANY OTHER SUPERVISORS WANT TO BE  
20 ACKNOWLEDGED AT THIS TIME? IF NOT, LET'S PROCEED AND HEAR THE  
21 BACKGROUND INFORMATION REGARDING THIS.

22  
23 **PHIL ANSELL:** GOOD MORNING, SUPERVISORS. PHIL ANSELL, DIRECTOR  
24 OF THE COUNTY HOMELESS INITIATIVE. SO WITH RESPECT TO THE  
25 BACKGROUND, AS MENTIONED BY SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS, ON



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1 FEBRUARY 9TH, THE BOARD APPROVED THE HOMELESS INITIATIVE,  
2 RECOMMENDED STRATEGIES, AND WITH THAT, \$100 MILLION IN ONE-  
3 TIME COUNTY FUNDING TO LAUNCH THE INITIAL IMPLEMENTATION OF  
4 THOSE STRATEGIES. AT THE SAME TIME, THE BOARD INSTRUCTED THE  
5 C.E.O., IN COLLABORATION WITH THE BOARD, TO EXPLORE OPTIONS  
6 FOR ONGOING REVENUE. AND THAT INSTRUCTION WAS IN THE CONTEXT  
7 OF AN HISTORIC REPORT PROVIDED BY L.A.H.S.A. REGARDING THE  
8 EXTENT OF THE GAP IN THE AVAILABILITY OF HOMELESS HOUSING IN  
9 LOS ANGELES COUNTY AND THE ESTIMATED COST OF FILLING THAT GAP,  
10 WHICH IS ESTIMATED AT \$450 MILLION A YEAR, EXCLUDING ANY COSTS  
11 ASSOCIATED WITH HOUSING CONSTRUCTION. SO IN THAT CONTEXT, THE  
12 BOARD DID ISSUE THIS INSTRUCTION TO EXPLORE ONGOING REVENUE.  
13 AND THEN ON FEBRUARY 23RD, THE BOARD ADOPTED A FOLLOW-ON  
14 MOTION WHICH PROVIDED MORE SPECIFIC DIRECTION REGARDING THE  
15 IDENTIFICATION OF OPTIONS AND CONDUCTING OF POLLING TO GAGE  
16 VOTER SUPPORT FOR THOSE VARIOUS OPTIONS. ON MARCH 9 AND MARCH  
17 30TH THIS YEAR, I REPORTED BACK TO THE BOARD WITH FIVE OPTIONS  
18 AND WITH THE ESTIMATED REVENUE THAT WOULD BE GENERATED BY  
19 THREE OF THOSE OPTIONS. AND FOUR OF THOSE FIVE OPTIONS WOULD  
20 REQUIRE APPROVAL BY THE VOTERS TO TAKE EFFECT. THEN ON APRIL  
21 22ND, PURSUANT TO THE BOARD'S PRIOR INSTRUCTION, WE RETURNED  
22 WITH THE POLLING RESULTS, WHICH TESTED THE LEVEL OF SUPPORT  
23 AMONG LIKELY VOTERS IN THE NOVEMBER 2016 ELECTION FOR THE FOUR  
24 OPTIONS WHICH WOULD REQUIRE VOTER APPROVAL. THOSE FOUR OPTIONS  
25 ARE A PARCEL TAX, A MARIJUANA TAX, A TRANSACTION AND USE TAX



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1 OR SALES TAX AND, FINALLY, THE SUBJECT OF TODAY'S MOTION, A  
2 TAX ON PERSONAL INCOME ABOVE \$1 MILLION PER YEAR. OVERALL, THE  
3 POLLING RESULTS SHOWED THAT THERE IS A VERY HIGH LEVEL OF  
4 VOTER CONCERN AND INTEREST IN HOMELESSNESS, WHERE IN RESPONSE  
5 TO AN OPEN-ENDED QUESTION, VOTERS IDENTIFIED HOMELESSNESS AS  
6 THE SECOND MOST SIGNIFICANT ISSUE FACING LOS ANGELES COUNTY  
7 AFTER JOBS AND THE ECONOMY, AHEAD OF A NUMBER OF OTHER  
8 PROMINENT PUBLIC POLICY ISSUES. WITH RESPECT TO THE INDIVIDUAL  
9 OPTIONS, THE TAX ON PERSONAL INCOME ABOVE \$1 MILLION PER YEAR  
10 GARNERED BY FAR THE HIGHEST LEVEL OF SUPPORT AMONG LIKELY  
11 NOVEMBER 2016 VOTERS WITH A COUNTY-WIDE SUPPORT OF 76 PERCENT,  
12 OF WHICH 50 PERCENT WAS DEFINITE YES SUPPORT, WHICH ACCORDING  
13 TO OUR POLLSTER DAVID BINDER IS AN EXTRAORDINARILY HIGH LEVEL  
14 OF DEFINITE SUPPORT IN ANY POLL ON A REVENUE MEASURE. THE  
15 SALES TAX, WHICH WAS THE OTHER MEASURE THAT WAS MOST  
16 EXTENSIVELY ADDRESSED IN THE POLL, HAD 69 PERCENT SUPPORT  
17 AMONG LIKELY NOVEMBER 2016 VOTERS, WHICH IS WITHIN THE MARGIN  
18 OF ERROR OF THE POLL RELATIVE TO THE REQUIRED TWO-THIRDS  
19 SUPPORT. NOW, WITH RESPECT MORE SPECIFICALLY TO THE  
20 MILLIONAIRES' TAX, UNLIKE THE OTHER THREE OPTIONS THAT WE  
21 IDENTIFIED THAT WOULD REQUIRE APPROVAL BY THE VOTERS, THE  
22 COUNTY DOES NOT CURRENTLY HAVE THE AUTHORITY TO ASK THE VOTERS  
23 TO APPROVE A TAX ON PERSONAL INCOME ABOVE \$1 MILLION. THE  
24 LEGISLATURE AND THE GOVERNOR HAVE THE AUTHORITY WITHIN THE  
25 PARAMETERS OF THE STATE CONSTITUTION TO CONFER THAT AUTHORITY



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1 ON THE BOARD TO THEN, IN TURN, PLACE THE TAX ON PERSONAL  
2 INCOME ABOVE \$1 MILLION BEFORE THE VOTERS. BUT IT WOULD  
3 REQUIRE ACTION BY THE LEGISLATURE AND A SIGNATURE BY THE  
4 GOVERNOR FOR THE BOARD TO GAIN THAT AUTHORITY. SHOULD THE  
5 BOARD APPROVE THE MOTION ON TODAY'S AGENDA, THEN THE C.E.O.  
6 WOULD IMMEDIATELY TURN OUR ATTENTION TO ADVOCATING FOR SUCH  
7 LANGUAGE WITH THE LEGISLATURE AND APPROVAL OF SUCH LANGUAGE BY  
8 THE GOVERNOR. SPECIFICALLY, WE WOULD PURSUE TRAILER BILL  
9 LANGUAGE, WHICH, IF ADOPTED BY THE LEGISLATURE BY JUNE 15 ON A  
10 SIMPLE MAJORITY VOTE IN THE LEGISLATURE AND SIGNED BY THE  
11 GOVERNOR BY JUNE 30, WOULD TAKE EFFECT ON JULY 1ST. AND  
12 THEREFORE, THE INCLUSION OF SUCH LANGUAGE IN A TRAILER BILL  
13 WOULD PRESERVE THE BOARD'S OPTION TO PLACE THE TAX ON PERSONAL  
14 INCOME ABOVE \$1 MILLION ON THE NOVEMBER 2016 BALLOT, SHOULD  
15 THE BOARD SO CHOOSE. I WOULD LIKE TO UNDERSCORE THAT THAT  
16 WOULD BE A SEPARATE DECISION, DISTINCT FROM THE BOARD'S ACTION  
17 ON THE MOTION TODAY, WHICH WOULD DIRECT THE C.E.O. TO PURSUE  
18 THAT ACTION BY THE LEGISLATURE. SHOULD THAT OCCUR, THE BOARD  
19 WOULD THEN HAVE UNTIL AUGUST 9TH TO MAKE A DECISION AS TO  
20 WHETHER TO PLACE ANY REVENUE MEASURE RELATED TO HOMELESSNESS  
21 AND, IF SO, WHICH ONE BEFORE THE VOTERS FOR THE NOVEMBER 2016  
22 BALLOT. ADDITIONALLY, THERE IS AN OPPORTUNITY TO PURSUE  
23 ADDITIONAL POLLING CONSISTENT WITH THE BOARD'S PRIOR DIRECTION  
24 SHOULD THE BOARD BE INTERESTED IN ADDITIONAL POLLING RELATIVE  
25 TO ANY OF THESE OPTIONS. FINALLY, WITH RESPECT TO THE POLLING



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1 RESULTS, IN ADDITION TO SEEKING TO ASCERTAIN THE LEVEL OF  
2 SUPPORT FOR THE VARIOUS REVENUE OPTIONS AMONG LIKELY NOVEMBER  
3 2016 VOTERS, WE SOUGHT TO DETERMINE THE POTENTIAL INTERACTION  
4 BETWEEN A HOMELESSNESS REVENUE MEASURE ON THE NOVEMBER 2016  
5 BALLOT AND THREE OTHER LIKELY REVENUE MEASURES: THE STATEWIDE  
6 BALLOT INITIATIVE TO EXTEND PROPOSITION 30, THE CURRENT  
7 TEMPORARY TAX ON HIGH INCOME, THE TRANSPORTATION MEASURE,  
8 COMMONLY KNOWN AS R-2, AND THE COUNTY PARKS AND OPEN SPACE  
9 MEASURE. OUR POLLSTERS CONCLUDED THAT THERE IS NO APPARENT  
10 INTERACTION BETWEEN THE LEVEL OF VOTER SUPPORT FOR ANY OF  
11 THOSE THREE MEASURES AND THE HOMELESSNESS MEASURE. NO REACTION  
12 IN EITHER DIRECTION. THAT IS, THE POLLING RESULTS INDICATE  
13 THAT THE LEVEL OF SUPPORT FOR THE OTHER THREE MEASURES WOULD  
14 NOT IN ANY WAY BE COMPROMISED BY THE PRESENCE OF A  
15 HOMELESSNESS MEASURE ON THE NOVEMBER 2016 BALLOT AND,  
16 SIMILARLY, THAT THE LEVEL OF SUPPORT FOR A HOMELESSNESS  
17 MEASURE WOULD ALSO NOT BE COMPROMISED. THE POLLSTER SOUGHT TO  
18 PENETRATE THAT QUESTION BY ASKING VOTERS INITIALLY WHAT THEIR  
19 SUPPORT WAS FOR THE VARIOUS MEASURES AND THEN AFTER PROVIDING  
20 MORE INFORMATION ON HOMELESSNESS AND EXPLICITLY STATING THAT  
21 ALL MEASURES COULD BE ON THE NOVEMBER 2016 BALLOT. THE LEVEL  
22 OF SUPPORT FOR EACH OF THE FOUR MEASURES, THE HOMELESSNESS  
23 OPTIONS, SALES TAX, AND MILLIONAIRES' TAX, AND THE THREE OTHER  
24 MEASURES, REMAIN CONSTANT WHEN ASKED ON BOTH OCCASIONS.  
25 FINALLY, SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS ASKED IF WE MIGHT ADDRESS





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1 THE L.A.H.S.A. HOMELESS COUNT RESULTS IN RELATION TO THE  
2 QUESTION OF THE HOMELESSNESS REVENUE MEASURE. AS AS SUPERVISOR  
3 KUEHL MENTIONED, THE L.A.H.S.A. HOMELESS COUNT RESULTS ARE  
4 REALLY TWOFOLD. ON THE ONE HAND, THEY SHOW THAT THE CRISIS OF  
5 HOMELESSNESS THAT PERVADES LOS ANGELES COUNTY PERSISTS AND, IN  
6 FACT, OVERALL HAS WORSENERED SINCE THE COUNT IN 2015. AND AT THE  
7 SAME TIME, THE POLL, THE HOMELESS COUNT RESULTS SHOW THAT THE  
8 COMBINATION OF DEDICATED RESOURCES AND FOCUSED, SYSTEM-WIDE  
9 ATTENTION GETS RESULTS. WE SEE THIS IN THE 2016 HOMELESS COUNT  
10 WHERE THERE WAS A HISTORIC REDUCTION IN THE INCIDENCE OF BOTH  
11 VETERAN AND FAMILY HOMELESSNESS RESPONDING SPECIFICALLY TO  
12 THAT COMBINED COMMITMENT OF REVENUE, OF RESOURCES, AND  
13 ORGANIZATIONAL FOCUS. AND THEREFORE, IN RESPONSE TO THE  
14 QUESTION, MY ASSESSMENT IS THAT THE HOMELESS COUNT UNDERSCORES  
15 THAT THOUGH APPARENTLY INTRACTABLE, HOMELESSNESS IS A PROBLEM  
16 THAT CAN BE EFFECTIVELY COMBATED, BUT THAT IT DEPENDS ON THE  
17 COMBINATION OF SUSTAINED RESOURCES AND SUSTAINED  
18 ORGANIZATIONAL FOCUS TO DO SO. THANK YOU.

19  
20 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** I THINK THERE WAS A FINAL QUESTION THAT  
21 WAS POSED PERTAINING TO UNDERSCORING PRESERVING THE OPTION AND  
22 WHETHER OR NOT THE OFFICE OF THE C.E.O. WOULD ARGUE THAT THIS  
23 IS A FISCALLY PRUDENT OPTION TO PURSUE.



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1   **SACHI HAMAI, C.E.O.:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISORS, AND I'LL GO AHEAD  
2   AND ANSWER THAT QUESTION. AS YOU JUST HEARD FROM PHIL ANSELL,  
3   WHO HAS BEEN WORKING SINCE LAST AUGUST ON THIS VERY  
4   AGGRESSIVELY ALONG WITH YOUR BOARD, THIS PROBLEM IS AN ONGOING  
5   PROBLEM. IT IS NOT A ONE-TIME PROBLEM. AND WITH THAT SAID, I  
6   THINK THAT THE NUMBER BEFORE US IS ABOUT \$500 MILLION THAT WE  
7   NEED TO COME UP WITH IN ONGOING REVENUE. THE REVENUE OPTIONS  
8   THAT HAVE BEEN PUT BEFORE THE BOARD ARE SIMPLY THAT, ARE  
9   OPTIONS. AND I THINK THAT WHAT IS BEFORE THIS BOARD TODAY IS  
10   GIVING THE COUNTY AN OPTION. IT CERTAINLY ISN'T TAKING A VOTE  
11   TO PUT ANYTHING ON THE BALLOT IN NOVEMBER. BUT IT DOES  
12   PRESERVE THE OPTION FOR THE COUNTY AT A LATER POINT SHOULD THE  
13   BOARD DECIDE TO MAKE THAT DECISION. SO IF WE ARE LOOKING TO  
14   INSURE THAT WE HAVE DIFFERENT IDEAS MOVING INTO THE NOVEMBER  
15   ELECTION OR EVEN AT A LATER DATE, I THINK THAT THIS IS ONE WAY  
16   THAT THE COUNTY COULD DO THAT.

17

18   **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THE COUNTY COUNSEL, THROUGH THE CHAIR, DID  
19   THE COUNTY COUNSEL HAVE ANY SPECIFIC INFORMATION THAT THE  
20   BOARD SHOULD BE APPRISED OF IN TERMS OF THE LEGALITIES THAT  
21   APPLY WITH RESPECT TO THIS APPROACH AS SEAMLESS TO ANY OTHER  
22   APPROACH, THRESHOLD ISSUES, ET CETERA?

23

24   **THOMAS FAUGHNAN, COUNSEL:** YES, SUPERVISOR. THOMAS FAUGHNAN IN  
25   COUNTY COUNSEL'S OFFICE. ONLY TO ADD THAT WE HAVE A SMALL



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1 WINDOW OF OPPORTUNITY HERE TO SEEK THIS LEGISLATION WITH THE  
2 BUDGET BILLS. DOING SO WITH A MAJORITY VOTE OF THE  
3 LEGISLATURE, SHOULD AN URGENCY BILL BE NEEDED, IT WOULD BE A  
4 TWO-THIRDS VOTE. OTHERWISE, THE LEGISLATION WOULD NOT TAKE  
5 EFFECT UNTIL NEXT YEAR, MISSING THE OPPORTUNITY FOR THE  
6 NOVEMBER BALLOT.

7

8 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** APPARENTLY THERE IS SOME CONSIDERATION.  
9 AND IT IS THE CASE THAT WE POLLED ABOUT THE SALES TAX,  
10 TRANSACTION USE TAX, A DIFFERENT THRESHOLD FOR THAT MATTER  
11 WITH RESPECT TO THE BOARD'S DISPOSITION. PERHAPS YOU CAN  
12 EXPLAIN OR SPEAK TO THAT.

13

14 **THOMAS FAUGHNAN, COUNSEL:** YES, SUPERVISOR. THE T.U.T. TAX OR  
15 THE SALES TAX IS ALREADY AUTHORIZED BY STATE LAW. THERE IS A  
16 CAP OF 2 PERCENT, WHICH THE COUNTY HASN'T REACHED. THERE ARE  
17 SOME CITIES WITHIN THE COUNTY THAT HAVE REACHED THAT CAP. AND  
18 THEREFORE, THERE WOULD BE ISSUES WITH HAVING A FULL COUNTYWIDE  
19 ADDITION, ADDITIONAL TAX OF A HALF PERCENT. BUT THERE ARE ONLY  
20 4 CITIES, AND THEY'RE SMALL. SO THAT WOULD NOT HAVE A  
21 SIGNIFICANT IMPACT ON PROCEEDING WITH A T.U.T. TAX.

22

23 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** IS IT THE DETERMINATION OF COUNTY COUNSEL,  
24 HAS COUNTY COUNSEL OPINED THAT THE SALES TAX SCENARIO REQUIRES



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1 A SUPER MAJORITY OF THE BOARD TO PUT IT ON THE BALLOT OVER  
2 AGAINST THE PROPOSAL FOR THE UPPER-INCOME EARNERS?

3

4 **THOMAS FAUGHNAN, COUNSEL:** YES, THAT'S CORRECT.

5

6 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** WOULD YOU EXPLICATE THE POINT THERE FOR  
7 THE BENEFIT OF THE BOARD AND THE AUDIENCE?

8

9 **THOMAS FAUGHNAN, COUNSEL:** THERE IS A SPECIFIC STATE LAW THAT  
10 REQUIRES THAT THE BOARD, IN ORDER TO PUT A SALES TAX MEASURE  
11 ON THE BALLOT, APPROVE IT BY TWO-THIRDS VOTE AND THEN THE TWO-  
12 THIRDS VOTE OF THE ELECTORATE. THAT IS NOT THE CASE FOR THE  
13 OTHER OPTIONS. AND PRESUMABLY WITH THE LEGISLATION THAT WE  
14 WOULD PURSUE FOR THE MILLIONAIRES' TAX, WE WOULD CERTAINLY NOT  
15 INCLUDE THAT AS A REQUIREMENT.

16

17 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAME  
18 CHAIR. I JUST WANTED TO MAKE SURE THAT WE ALL WERE WORKING  
19 WITH THE SAME INFORMATION IN TERMS OF THE TIMELINESS OF THE  
20 MATTER BEFORE US AS WELL AS THE THRESHOLD ISSUES. THE UPTICK  
21 IN HOMELESSNESS IN OUR COUNTY, THE DATA THAT HAS BEEN  
22 DISCERNED FROM THE POLL, WHICH IS UNPRECEDENTED IN TERMS OF  
23 THE INTENSITY, ACCORDING TO THE POLLSTERS IN ONE DISTRICT TO  
24 THE NEXT, 1 THROUGH 5 HAVE MADE THIS RATHER COMPELLING, AND I  
25 THINK ALL OF US HAVE THAT DATA AND SHOULD IT BE NEEDED FOR



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1 RECITING, I THINK THE C.E.O. IS PREPARED TO DO SO. MADAME  
2 CHAIR?

3

4 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** ARE THERE ANY OTHER QUESTIONS FROM --  
5 I DO HAVE SOME QUESTIONS. I RECEIVED THE POLLING DATA WITH  
6 CROSS TABS, I BELIEVE, LATE YESTERDAY AND WAS VERY CONCERNED  
7 THAT -- I HAD RECEIVED A NARRATIVE AND HAD BEEN ASKING,  
8 THROUGH MY STAFF, TO GET THAT INFORMATION. SO I HAVE QUESTIONS  
9 JUST IN TERMS OF THE POLLING DATA AND WITH RESPECT TO THE  
10 DYNAMICS OF WHO WAS ACTUALLY POLLED WHERE AND HOW IT BREAKS  
11 DOWN IN TERMS OF EACH DISTRICT, OR AT LEAST MINE IN  
12 PARTICULAR. I AM CONCERNED, BECAUSE THE FACT THAT THE HOMELESS  
13 COUNT INDICATES THAT THE SAN GABRIEL VALLEY OR MY AREA WASN'T  
14 AS IMPACTED, SO THAT TAKES ME TO ANOTHER LEVEL IN TERMS OF HOW  
15 WE SET OUT OUR PLAN TO ACTUALLY GO OUT AND DO THE COUNT. THIS  
16 WILL HAVE IMPLICATIONS IN TERMS OF WHERE MONIES GO WHEN WE  
17 LOOK AT WHERE THE NEEDS ARE. AND SO I'M JUST CONCERNED ABOUT  
18 SOME DATA COLLECTION AND HAVE QUESTIONS ABOUT, NUMBER ONE, THE  
19 POLLING THAT WAS DONE AND WHY WERE WE NOT GIVEN THAT  
20 INFORMATION WHEN OTHER OFFICES, I BELIEVE, HAD IT TWO WEEKS  
21 AGO.

22

23 **PHIL ANSELL:** SUPERVISOR, I CAN TAKE THE FIRST CRACK AT THE  
24 RESPONSE AND MANUEL RIVAS CAN ADD ON. CERTAINLY I WANT TO  
25 CLARIFY THAT ALL OFFICES HAD THE SAME DATA AT THE SAME TIME.



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1 WE MET WITH YOUR STAFF ON APRIL 15TH TO REVIEW THE OVERALL  
2 POLLING RESULTS. AND THEN THOSE RESULTS WERE RELEASED PUBLICLY  
3 ON APRIL 22ND. WE THEN HAD A SUBSEQUENT MEETING WITH THE  
4 HOMELESS DEPUTIES AND CHIEF DEPUTIES ON APRIL 29TH.

5

6 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** YES, BUT YOU DIDN'T PROVIDE THE  
7 ACTUAL CROSS TABS. I BELIEVE THAT THAT WAS ONE OF THE REQUESTS  
8 THAT WAS MADE BY, I KNOW, MY STAFF, AND WE WERE A LITTLE  
9 SURPRISED THAT THAT INFORMATION WASN'T PROVIDED TO US, SINCE  
10 WE PAID FOR THE SURVEY.

11

12 **PHIL ANSELL:** ON APRIL 29TH, SUPERVISOR, THE POLLSTER REVIEWED  
13 THE MORE DETAILED INFORMATION. AND IN KEEPING WITH -- AND  
14 THERE WAS A REQUEST THAT -- AND THERE WAS SOME DATA AT THAT  
15 TIME AVAILABLE ON APRIL 29TH, THAT WAS A WEEK AGO, THAT BROKE  
16 OUT THE RESULTS BY SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT. THERE WAS A REQUEST  
17 AT THAT TIME FOR A DETAILED BREAKOUT BY SUPERVISORIAL  
18 DISTRICTS ON THE FULL RANGE OF QUESTIONS. AND IT TOOK US UNTIL  
19 LATE YESTERDAY TO SECURE THAT INFORMATION FROM OUR POLLSTERS,  
20 AT WHICH POINT WE IMMEDIATELY PROVIDED IT TO THE BOARD  
21 OFFICES.

22

23 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** I HAVE NO DOUBT THAT THIS ISSUE OF  
24 HOMELESSNESS IS A TOP PRIORITY FOR MANY OF US. BUT I AM  
25 CONCERNED ABOUT INFORMATION THAT ISN'T FULLY SHARED EQUALLY





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1 WITH OUR OFFICES AND THE URGENCY. IF WE'RE GOING TO BE VOTING  
2 ON SOMETHING TODAY, I WOULD, OUT OF DUE RESPECT FOR OUR  
3 OFFICES AND THE PEOPLE WE REPRESENT, BE ABLE TO HAVE THAT  
4 INFORMATION WITH MORE TIME. AND AT THIS POINT, I'M A BIT  
5 UNCOMFORTABLE WITH WHAT THE DATA THAT MY STAFF HAS YET TO  
6 REALLY REVIEW AND HONE IN ON. AND WHO WAS ACTUALLY SURVEYED?  
7 WHERE? DID WE HAVE DIVERSITY IN TERMS OF REACHING OUT? AND ALL  
8 THAT INFORMATION, I CAN'T MAKE AN EDUCATED GUESS ABOUT IT. SO  
9 I AM CONCERNED ABOUT IT. THAT'S JUST ONE CONCERN I HAVE. THE  
10 OTHER IS FOR OUR SACRAMENTO STAFF. WHAT DO WE KNOW ABOUT THESE  
11 OTHER ISSUES THAT ARE GOING TO BE ON THE BALLOT THAT ARE BEING  
12 PROPOSED BY OUR LAWMAKERS RIGHT NOW, INCLUDING THE GOVERNOR?  
13 HOW DOES THAT PLAY OUT WITH THIS, AND WHAT IS THE TEMPERATURE  
14 THERE? YOU MUST HAVE SOME IDEA.

15

16 **MANUEL RIVAS:** SUPERVISOR, MANUEL RIVAS, CHIEF EXECUTIVE  
17 OFFICE, DIRECTOR OF LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS. WE HAVE NOT ACTUALLY  
18 STARTED DOING ANY WORK IN SACRAMENTO, BUT AS PHIL INDICATED  
19 EARLIER, OUR POLLING RESULTS THAT CAME FROM THE DAVID BINDER  
20 GROUP ACTUALLY INDICATED THAT THERE WILL NOT BE ANY NEGATIVE  
21 INTERACTION BETWEEN WHAT IS BEING CONSIDERED NOW AND WHAT IS  
22 BEING CONSIDERED BY EXTENDING PROPOSITION 30 AT THE STATEWIDE  
23 LEVEL OR ALSO WHAT YOUR BOARD IS CONSIDERING AS IT RELATES TO  
24 MEASURE R-2 AND ALSO THE PARKS MEASURE.

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1   **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** SO, CAN YOU BREAK THAT DOWN IN TERMS  
2   OF HOW THAT QUESTION -- I MEAN, HOW THOSE QUESTIONS WERE  
3   PROPOSED, BECAUSE I DON'T KNOW. WE REALLY TOOK A DEEP DIVE IN  
4   TERMS OF WHAT THE STATE SENATE IS PROPOSING, WHAT THE ASSEMBLY  
5   IS PROPOSING, AND WHAT THAT MEANS.

6

7   **PHIL ANSELL:** SUPERVISOR, ARE YOU ASKING ABOUT HOW THE POLL WAS  
8   CONSTRUCTED?

9

10   **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** YES.

11

12   **PHIL ANSELL:** SO, WITH RESPECT -- SO, THE POLL WAS CONSTRUCTED  
13   TO MODEL THE ACTUAL LANGUAGE THAT A VOTER WOULD SEE AND WAS IN  
14   ORDER ACCORDINGLY. SO THE FIRST QUESTION THAT WAS ASKED OF THE  
15   1,400 LIKELY NOVEMBER 2016 VOTERS WHO WERE POLLED WAS THE PROP  
16   30 EXTENSION, BECAUSE STATE BALLOT MEASURES COME FIRST ON THE  
17   BALLOT, AND IT WAS THE ACTUAL BALLOT LANGUAGE. THEN THE SALES  
18   TAX --

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20   **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** AND WHAT WAS THE RATIO OF SUPPORT FOR  
21   THAT, OR WHAT PERCENTAGE? CAN YOU GO THROUGH THAT?

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23   **PHIL ANSELL:** CERTAINLY. THE COUNTYWIDE SUPPORT AFTER, AT THE  
24   END OF THE POLL, AFTER ALL THE INFORMATION WAS SHARED, WAS 66  
25   PERCENT. SUPPORT IN L.A. COUNTY FOR THE PROP 30 EXTENSION. AND



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1 ONLY A SIMPLE MAJORITY IS REQUIRED STATEWIDE TO APPROVE THE  
2 PROP 30 EXTENSION.

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4 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** SO WHAT WERE THE OTHER ONES THAT WERE  
5 ALSO --

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7 **PHIL ANSELL:** RIGHT. THEN, TO AGAIN MODEL THE ACTUAL VOTER  
8 EXPERIENCE, THE THREE LOCAL MEASURES, THE PARKS MEASURE, R-2,  
9 AND THE HOMELESSNESS MEASURE WERE RANDOMIZED. SO A THIRD OF  
10 THE VOTERS HEARD THE PARKS QUESTION FIRST, A THIRD HEARD R-2  
11 FIRST, AND A THIRD HEARD THE HOMELESSNESS MEASURE FIRST. THEN  
12 THE HOMELESSNESS MEASURE WAS SPLIT IN HALF. SO THERE WERE 700  
13 WHO WERE ASKED ABOUT THE MILLIONAIRES' TAX.

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15 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** HOW DID THE PARKS ISSUE RATE, THOUGH?  
16 GIVE ME THAT.

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18 **PHIL ANSWELL:** THE PARKS MEASURE GARNERED -- AGAIN, THIS WAS  
19 THE LAST TIME THE QUESTION WAS ASKED, GARNERED 69 PERCENT  
20 SUPPORT FROM THE RESPONDENTS. THE R-2 GARNERED 70 PERCENT. THE  
21 MILLIONAIRES' TAX GARNERED 76 PERCENT. AND THE HOMELESSNESS  
22 SALES TAX GARNERED 69 PERCENT. SO THEY WERE RANDOMLY SORTED,  
23 THE ORDER OF THE QUESTIONS, AS THEY WOULD BE ON THE ACTUAL  
24 BALLOT TO, AGAIN, MODEL AS CLOSELY AS POSSIBLE THE ACTUAL  
25 EXPERIENCE. WITH RESPECT TO R-2 AND THE PARKS MEASURE, THE



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1 DAVID BINDER GROUP UTILIZED THE SAME LANGUAGE THAT WAS  
2 UTILIZED IN PRIOR POLLING ON BOTH OF THOSE MEASURES. AND,  
3 REMARKABLY, THE RESULTS ON THE PARKS AND TRANSPORTATION  
4 MEASURE WERE VIRTUALLY IDENTICAL IN THIS POLL TO THE RESULTS  
5 IN THE PRIOR POLLS THAT WERE CONDUCTED FOR BOTH THE PARKS AND  
6 TRANSPORTATION MEASURE. I'D ALSO NOTE THAT I'VE LEARNED  
7 THROUGH THIS PROCESS THAT 1,400 IS AN EXTRAORDINARILY LARGE  
8 SAMPLE SIZE, WHICH INCREASES THE ROBUSTNESS OF THE RESULTS AND  
9 THE RELIABILITY.

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11 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** MADAME CHAIR, I THINK IT'S IMPORTANT TO  
12 MAKE IT CLEAR THAT THERE WAS PRETTY BROAD INPUT IN TERMS OF  
13 THE DESIGN AND CONTENT OF THE POLL. EACH BOARD OFFICE HAD AN  
14 OPPORTUNITY TO REVIEW AND GIVE INPUT AND SPECIFY THE DATE AT  
15 WHICH THAT HAPPENED. EVERY BOARD OFFICE HAD THAT OPPORTUNITY.  
16 AND IT IS MY UNDERSTANDING THAT THERE WAS FULL PARTICIPATION.  
17 SECONDLY, IT IS IMPORTANT TO KNOW THAT FROM THE STATE'S  
18 PERSPECTIVE, ITS NUMBER 1 ISSUE WAS PROP 30. AND BEFORE THEY  
19 WERE EVEN WILLING TO HAVE ANY DISCUSSION ABOUT THIS AT ALL,  
20 THEY WANTED TO KNOW THAT PROP 30, WHETHER OR NOT IT WOULD BE  
21 ADVERSELY AFFECTED BY ANY OF THE OTHER THREE CONTENDING  
22 ISSUES, NAMELY MEASURE R-2 AS WELL AS THE PARKS MEASURE AND  
23 THE HOMELESS MEASURE, AND THAT'S WHY IT WAS PUT INTO OUR POLL.  
24 IN OTHER WORDS, IT WAS DONE WITHOUT PREJUDICE. WE WERE SEEKING  
25 TO FIND OUT WHATEVER THE SENTIMENT OF THE VOTERS MIGHT BE.



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1 THERE'S NO QUESTION ABOUT THAT. AND THE INTENSITY THAT  
2 ATTACHED TO THE ISSUE OF HOMELESSNESS IS ARGUABLY  
3 UNPRECEDENTED. WHAT IS IT RELATED TO? IT IS RELATED TO WHAT  
4 PEOPLE KNOW ANECDOTALLY. IT IS RELATED TO WHAT THEY SEE FROM  
5 ONE END OF THIS COUNTY TO THE NEXT. IT IS RELATED TO A SENSE  
6 OF SADNESS AS WELL AS ANGER ABOUT THE LACK OF FORTHRIGHTLY AND  
7 EFFECTIVELY TACKLING THE ISSUE OF HOMELESSNESS IN A WAY THAT  
8 CAN BE BROADLY EMBRACED AND CELEBRATED. IT IS A REFLECTION OF  
9 THE COMPASSION THAT THE VOTERS IN THIS COUNTY HAVE ABOUT THIS  
10 ISSUE AND THEIR EXPECTATION THAT THEIR ELECTED OFFICIALS WILL,  
11 IN FACT, ADDRESS IT. NOT SIMPLY IN THE COUNTY, BUT IN ALL 88  
12 CITIES. THAT'S WHAT I THINK IS COMING BACK TO US BY WAY OF  
13 FEEDBACK. AND SO I THINK THIS IS A MATTER OF DUE DILIGENCE AND  
14 THOROUGH TREATMENT. WITH RESPECT TO THE DATA THAT WAS RECEIVED  
15 LAST EVENING, ON THE DETAIL OF THE RESPECTIVE DISTRICTS IN  
16 TERMS OF THE DISTRIBUTION AND THE INTENSITY THERE, IT'S ALL  
17 HERE. I THINK IT CAME BACK YESTERDAY, THE ATTEMPT WAS. THERE  
18 WAS A PROBLEM APPARENTLY WITH THE EMAIL SYSTEM THAT MR. RIVAS  
19 INDICATED IN A SECOND ATTEMPT THIS MORNING TO MAKE SURE WE  
20 ABSOLUTELY HAD IT. AND SO I THINK IT IS THE CASE THAT ALL  
21 BOARD MEMBERS DID RECEIVE IT IN THE FIRST ATTEMPT YESTERDAY  
22 AND THEN A SECOND ATTEMPT AGAIN TODAY. IT IS ALL HERE. AND  
23 FROM ONE END OF THIS DISTRICT TO THE NEXT, IT MAKES IT CLEAR  
24 HOW STRONGLY THE FIRST DISTRICT, THE SECOND DISTRICT, THE  
25 THIRD DISTRICT AND THE FOURTH AS WELL AS THE FIFTH DISTRICTS



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1 FEEL ABOUT THIS MATTER. IT'S EXTRAORDINARY. IT'S COMPLETELY  
2 EXTRAORDINARY. AND IT'S WELL-DOCUMENTED AS TO WHAT THE CASE IS  
3 IN TERMS OF THE SENTIMENT OF THE VOTERS OF THE PEOPLE, THE  
4 VOTERS OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES. MADAME CHAIR?

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6 **SUP. KNABE:** MADAME CHAIR --

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8 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR KNABE AND THEN ANTONOVICH.

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10 **SUP. KNABE:** WE DID GET IT, BUT 5 O'CLOCK LAST NIGHT AND THESE  
11 OTHER TWO DOCUMENTS 6 A.M. THIS MORNING. SO IT'S NOT FAIR TO  
12 SAY THAT WE HAD PLENTY OF TIME. I MEAN, WHEN YOU GET A  
13 PERSONAL BRIEFING, THAT'S ONE SIDE OF THE STORY. THERE'S  
14 ALWAYS ANOTHER SIDE OF THE STORY AND ANALYSIS THAT YOU DO ON  
15 YOUR OWN. SO, WE DID GET IT, BUT I WOULD JUST QUESTION THE  
16 TIMELINESS. I ASKED FOR IT A WEEK AGO.

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18 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH?

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20 **SUP. MICHAEL ANTONOVICH:** I SHARE SUPERVISOR SOLIS'S CONCERNS  
21 RELATIVE TO THE CREDIBILITY OF THE POLL. A LOT OF IT IS ON THE  
22 POLLSTER AND HOW THE QUESTION IS ASKED. IN THIS TIME OF HIGH  
23 UNEMPLOYMENT, PURCHASING POWER HAS REMAINED STATIC IF NOT  
24 DECLINING, TO HAVE PEOPLE COME OUT AND SAY THEY'LL VOTE YES ON  
25 4, 5 OR 6 DIFFERENT TAXES IS NOT LOGICAL. AND THERE'S A





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1 PROBLEM WITH THE CREDIBILITY OF THE POLL. SECONDLY, THE  
2 IMPACT. WHEN YOU LOOK AT THE ISSUE OF HOMELESSNESS, IT'S NOT  
3 JUST ONE FACTOR THAT'S CREATING THE HOMELESSNESS. AND TO  
4 ADDRESS IT IS NOT GOING TO TAKE ONE TAX TO INCREASE OR PROVIDE  
5 SHELTER. THE HOMELESS ARE DIVIDED INTO FOUR DIFFERENT GROUPS  
6 OF INDIVIDUALS. YOU HAVE THE DRUG ADDICT. YOU HAVE THE  
7 ALCOHOLIC. YOU HAVE THE MENTALLY ILL. AND YOU HAVE THE  
8 ECONOMICALLY DEPRIVED. OF THOSE FOUR, THE ECONOMICALLY  
9 DEPRIVED WILL BENEFIT FROM HOUSING, JOB TRAINING, AND GETTING  
10 BACK THEIR LIFE. BUT FOR THE OTHER THREE, HOUSING IS NOT A  
11 CURE OF THEIR PROBLEM. THE DRUG AND ALCOHOLIC NEEDS  
12 REHABILITATION MANDATED, AND THE MENTALLY ILL NEEDS MENTAL-  
13 HEALTH TREATMENT MANDATED BEYOND THE 72-HOUR HOLD. IN THE  
14 PROGRAM I INITIATED AT THE M.T.A. WHERE THE BUS DRIVERS AND  
15 RAIL CONDUCTORS REPORT THOSE WHO ARE MENTALLY ILL ON THE BUS  
16 STOP OR AT THE TRAIN STATION, OVER 95 PERCENT OF THOSE REFUSE  
17 HELP, SHELTER. THEY WALK AWAY. AND THEY DO THIS WHETHER WE  
18 HAVE A THUNDERSTORM TAKING PLACE OR IT'S HADES OUTSIDE, 110  
19 DEGREES. THEY MOVE THEIR BELONGINGS AND THEY MOVE ON. THEY  
20 NEED MENTAL HEALTH TREATMENT AND WE NEED TO EXPAND THE NUMBER  
21 OF DAYS THAT A MENTALLY ILL PERSON CAN BE TREATED AND WE NEED  
22 TO HAVE THOSE MENTAL HEALTH FACILITIES BEING CREATED. BUT THIS  
23 IS JUST A BAND-AID ON A SERIOUS ILLNESS. THEN IF YOU LOOK AT,  
24 WELL, WE'LL JUST TAX THE MILLIONAIRES. TO BEGIN WITH, PEOPLE  
25 WHO MAKE MINIMUM WAGE DO NOT CREATE JOBS. THE PEOPLE WHO HAVE



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1 THE RESOURCES ARE THOSE WHO INVEST AND CREATE JOBS. THEY'RE  
2 NOT STUPID. IT'S JUST AS EASY TO MOVE TO ORANGE COUNTY, SAN  
3 BERNADINO COUNTY, KERN COUNTY, SAN BERNADINO COUNTY, OR SOME  
4 OTHER PLACE THAT DOESN'T HAVE A POTENTIAL SALES TAX OR INCOME  
5 TAX. AND THERE IS NO PROHIBITIONS OF MOVING, AND THAT COULD BE  
6 DONE. SO YOU'RE LOOKING AT DESTROYING PART OF THE FABRIC OF  
7 OUR COMMUNITY WHERE YOU HAVE PEOPLE WHO ARE INVOLVED AND  
8 INVESTED IN THEIR COMMUNITY. WE JUST READ THIS PAST WEEK,  
9 JAMBA JUICE IS LEAVING THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA, THEIR  
10 CORPORATE HEADQUARTERS, JUST AS CARL'S, JR., YOU KNOW, AS I  
11 MENTIONED IN THE PAST, THE AUTO CLUB. THEIR CALL FOR SERVICE  
12 HAS RELOCATED TO TEXAS. AND WE KNOW ABOUT TOYOTA GOING TO  
13 TORRANCE. NOW WHAT HAPPENS WITH ALL THOSE BUSINESSES LEAVE?  
14 THE SCHOOLS IN THOSE COMMUNITIES, THE NONPROFITS IN THOSE  
15 COMMUNITIES ALL LOSE RESOURCES, WHICH THOSE BUSINESSES WERE  
16 CONTRIBUTING, BE IT LITTLE LEAGUE, A.Y.S.O., BOYS & GIRLS  
17 CLUB, THE Y.M.C.A., THE Y.W.C.A., THE BOY SCOUTS, THE GIRL  
18 SCOUTS. ALL OF THOSE GROUPS LOSE RESOURCES, BECAUSE THOSE  
19 WORKING PEOPLE HAVE MOVED. THOSE WHO INVESTED MOVED TO OTHER  
20 LOCATIONS. SO, THIS IS NOT GOING TO SOLVE THE HOMELESS ISSUE.  
21 WHAT IT WILL DO IS CREATE FUTURE HOMELESSNESS BY HAVING LESS  
22 PEOPLE HAVING A JOB BECAUSE THERE'S LESS BUSINESSES BEING  
23 INVESTED IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY FOR A FUTURE, BECAUSE THIS IS  
24 AN END TO A POSITIVE FUTURE IF IT WOULD PASS. SO, ANYWAY, BUT  
25 I SHARE WITH SUPERVISOR SOLIS ESPECIALLY ON THE CREDIBILITY OF



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1 THE POLL AND THE QUESTIONS ASKED, WHO YOU ASKED AND ALL. AND,  
2 AGAIN, IT'S ON THE CREDIBILITY OF THE POLLSTER.

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4 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** MY CONCERN REALLY IS THAT WE GOT THE  
5 INFORMATION SO LATE AND I STILL HAVE YET TO GO THROUGH IT. I'M  
6 NOT DISAGREEING THAT HOMELESSNESS AND THESE ISSUES ARE OF  
7 GREAT IMPORTANCE, BECAUSE THEY ARE. BUT I DO WANT TO MINIMIZE  
8 THAT THERE SHOULD HAVE BEEN SOME COURTESY PROVIDED TO OUR  
9 BOARD OFFICES SO THAT WE HAD THIS INFORMATION TO BE ABLE TO  
10 MAKE A DECISION, A CONSTRUCTIVE DECISION. THAT'S WHAT I'M  
11 SAYING. I'M NOT TALKING ABOUT PEOPLE LEAVING THE STATE OF  
12 CALIFORNIA. WE HAVE A LOT OF PEOPLE THAT ARE COMING INTO THE  
13 STATE OF CALIFORNIA, AS WELL. BUT I WANT TO DISTINGUISH WHAT  
14 I'M TALKING ABOUT. SO, SUPERVISOR KUEHL.

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16 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** THANK YOU, MADAME CHAIR. I THINK, JUST TO  
17 BE FAIR, I THINK DAVID BINDER IS THOUGHT OF AS IF NOT THE  
18 BEST, ONE OF THE BEST THE POLLSTERS IN THE BUSINESS. AND THE  
19 REASON IS THAT HE, IN PARTICULAR, DOES NOT SHADE THE  
20 QUESTIONS. IF YOU LOOK AT THE ACTUAL QUESTIONS ON THE POLL,  
21 ALL IT WAS WAS THE LANGUAGE THAT'S GOING ON THE BALLOT. AND  
22 THAT, I WOULD AT LEAST SUBMIT, WOULD NOT BE IN ANY WAY SHADING  
23 THE POLL. AND THE FACT OF PUTTING PROP 30 FIRST I THOUGHT WAS  
24 ALSO A VERY GOOD WAY TO DO IT, BECAUSE IT WILL APPEAR FIRST IN  
25 THE BALLOT AND MADE IT CLEAR TO PEOPLE THAT ALL THESE THINGS



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1 WOULD BE ON THE BALLOT. WOULD YOU STILL VOTE FOR THEM IF THEY  
2 WERE? SECONDLY, I THINK IT'S IMPORTANT TO DISTINGUISH BETWEEN  
3 THE KINDS OF TAXES THAT ARE PLACED ON CORPORATIONS AND WHAT  
4 WE'RE TALKING ABOUT HERE. THIS IS A PERSONAL INCOME TAX THAT  
5 THE STATE EMPLOYS TO PROVIDE MONEY FOR OUR MENTAL HEALTH  
6 SERVICES. THAT'S THEIR MILLIONAIRES' TAX. THESE ARE PEOPLE WHO  
7 PAY TAX ON A MILLION DOLLARS IN TAXABLE, NOT GROSS, BUT  
8 INCOME, AND WOULD ADD, IF IT WERE TO BE ALLOWED, SOMETHING  
9 LIKE HALF A PERCENT ONTO JUST THAT PORTION ABOVE A MILLION  
10 DOLLARS. IT DOESN'T ADD A HALF ON EVERYTHING BELOW A MILLION.  
11 IT'S INCREMENTAL. AND I WOULD ALSO POSIT THAT THOSE PEOPLE WHO  
12 ARE PAYING PERSONAL INCOME TAX WHO OWN CARL'S, JR. AND WHO OWN  
13 OTHER BUSINESSES THAT REPEATEDLY MOVE, ALTHOUGH MOST OF THEM  
14 MOVE OUT OF THE COUNTRY, I HAVE TO SAY, IN TERMS OF A LOT OF  
15 THE MANUFACTURING, THEY'RE NOT PAYING INCOME TAX IN  
16 CALIFORNIA, IF YOU CHECK IN ON THE PEOPLE WHO OWN THESE  
17 CORPORATIONS. SO WE'RE NOT GOING TO PUT A GREATER BURDEN ON  
18 THOSE POOR MILLIONAIRES WHO MIGHT OWN CARL'S, JR. OR  
19 MCDONALD'S OR ANY OF THE OTHERS. SIMPLY BY ASKING THE  
20 LEGISLATURE TO ALLOW US TO COME BACK TO SEE IF WE WILL PUT  
21 SUCH A MEASURE ON THE BALLOT, THIS DOES NOT MANDATE THAT WE  
22 PUT THIS MEASURE ON THE BALLOT. WE'RE SIMPLY ASKING IN A  
23 TIMELY FASHION, GIVEN THE BUDGET PROCESS, FOR PERMISSION TO  
24 THEN DELIBERATE THIS AS ONE POSSIBLE FUNDING SOURCE FOR



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1 HOMELESSNESS. SO, I JUST THINK IT'S IMPORTANT TO KNOW MORE  
2 KIND OF WHAT WE'RE TALKING ABOUT HERE.

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4 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** MADAME CHAIR, JUST A COUPLE OF OTHER  
5 INSIGHTS THAT MAY BE HELPFUL, THE FIRST OF WHICH IS, PROP 63,  
6 IN ITS ORIGINAL FORM STATEWIDE, BENEFITED ONE OF THE PROJECTS  
7 OR THE CONCERNS THAT OUR COLLEAGUE, SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH, HAS  
8 CHAMPIONED VERY SUCCESSFULLY. HAD THERE BEEN NO,  
9 QUOTE/UNQUOTE, "MILLIONAIRES' TAX," THERE WOULD BE NO OR  
10 LIMITED FUNDING FOR LAURA'S LAW. SO IT SEEMS TO ME THAT WE  
11 NEED TO APPRECIATE THAT WHEN THERE IS PRUDENT AND EFFECTIVE  
12 LEVERAGING OF THE RESOURCES -- YOU OPENED IT UP, DOC. I  
13 THOUGHT I'D JUST GIVE YOU A LITTLE SOMETHING TO WORK WITH.

14

15 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** RIGHT ON.

16

17 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THE POINT THAT I'M MAKING IS SIMPLY THIS:  
18 NOT TO MOVE FORWARD IS TO LOCK INTO THE STATUS QUO. WE'VE ALL  
19 SAID THIS IS A CRITICALLY IMPORTANT ISSUE. AND WE HAVE TO  
20 EXPLORE EVERY CONCEIVABLE METHOD TO DO SO. WE CANNOT SUSTAIN  
21 THE FUNDING. I'VE HEARD ALL OF US ACKNOWLEDGE THAT OVER AND  
22 OVER AGAIN. AND SO WE HAVE DONE THIS IN A METHODICAL WAY. WE  
23 HAVE DONE IT IN TERMS OF THE DUE DILIGENCE THAT SHOULD BE  
24 APPLIED. WE HAVE GOTTEN THE MOST REPUTABLE AVAILABLE POLLSTER  
25 THAT WE COULD FIND. WE PARTNERED APPROPRIATELY. IN THE FIRST



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1 DISTRICT ON THIS PARTICULAR ITEM, 79 PERCENT SAID YES. IN IN  
2 THE SECOND DISTRICT, 85 PERCENT SAID YES. IN THE THIRD  
3 DISTRICT, 81 PERCENT SAID YES. IN THE FOURTH DISTRICT, 73  
4 PERCENT SAID YES. AND IN THE FIFTH DISTRICT, 64 PERCENT SAID  
5 YES. ANY WAY YOU LOOK AT THAT, COUNTY-WIDE, THAT FAR EXCEEDS  
6 THE THRESHOLD IN TERMS OF A SUPER MAJORITY. THEREFORE, IT  
7 WOULD BE INADVISABLE FOR US NOT TO PURSUE THIS IN TERMS OF  
8 MAXIMIZING OUR OPTIONS. IT DOES NOT PREDICT WHAT WE WILL DO IN  
9 THIS INSTANCE. IT SIMPLY SAYS WE CAN AND SHOULD KEEP THIS  
10 AMONG THE LIST. ON THE LIST. NOT TO DO SO, COLLEAGUES,  
11 RESPECTFULLY, LOCKS US INTO A HISTORICAL PATTERN OF NOT DOING  
12 ENOUGH TO ADDRESS THE ISSUE OF HOMELESSNESS. IF THAT COULD  
13 WORK TO BE THE RESULT, MAY I RESPECTFULLY SUGGEST THAT THIS  
14 PROBLEM OF HOMELESSNESS, THIS ISSUE, THIS SOCIAL MALADY WILL  
15 WORSEN. THE TRENDING IS CLEAR. IT IS INCREASING EVERY YEAR  
16 PURSUANT TO THE COUNT. MAY I SUGGEST THE FOLLOWING? JUST LAST  
17 WEEK, SUPERVISOR SOLIS AND I WERE ON A PANEL WITH -- AT THE  
18 MILKEN INSTITUTE. ONE OF THE FIRST OBSERVATIONS SHE MADE ABOUT  
19 THE ISSUE WAS THAT THERE WAS SOME QUESTION AS TO WHETHER OR  
20 NOT THE HOMELESS COUNT ACCURATELY REFLECTED THE ACTUAL NUMBER  
21 OF PERSONS WHO ARE, IN HER MIND, HOMELESS IN THE FIRST  
22 SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT. IN OTHER WORDS, THIS MAY REFLECT AN  
23 UNDERCOUNT. THAT ONLY SUGGESTS TO ME THAT THE PROBLEM IS MORE,  
24 POTENTIALLY MORE SIGNIFICANT, MORE IMPACTFUL, WHICH ARGUES FOR  
25 OUR ACTING AND ACTING NOW. NOT TO DO SO SEEMS TO ME TO NEGLECT





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1 AN OPPORTUNITY AND TO SHIRK OUR RESPONSIBILITY TO MOVE  
2 FORWARD. THIS IS A MORALLY COMPELLING PROBLEM. ALL OF US  
3 RECOGNIZE THAT. AND INACTION IS SIMPLY NOT ACCEPTABLE IN MY  
4 VIEW.

5

6 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** WELL, I WOULD BEG TO DIFFER ON YOUR  
7 STATEMENT THERE, BECAUSE WHAT I TALKED ABOUT WAS THE FACT THAT  
8 THE HOMELESS COUNT, IN MY OPINION, DID NOT ACCURATELY REFLECT  
9 WHAT I HAVE SEEN IN MY DISTRICT, AND THAT GIVES ME HESITATION  
10 IN TERMS OF WHEN WE'RE LOOKING AT DOCUMENTS LIKE THAT, WHERE  
11 FUNDING WILL GO. I ABSOLUTELY WANT FUNDING TO GO TO AREAS OF  
12 HIGH NEED, BUT I DON'T BELIEVE THAT THE WAY THAT THAT COUNT  
13 WAS CONDUCTED -- AND I HEARD FIRSTHAND FROM SOME OF THE GROUPS  
14 OUT THE THREE DAYS THAT WERE SPENT OUT IN MY DISTRICT, THEY  
15 WERE SENT TO PLACES WHERE THERE WAS NO ONE THERE. THAT TELLS  
16 ME THAT THE INDIVIDUALS THAT WERE ENGAGED IN GIVING THE  
17 VOLUNTEERS INFORMATION OF WHERE TO GO IN TERMS OF PRECINCTS  
18 AND STREETS WAS NOT ACCURATE. AND SO THAT DOES NOT PROVIDE --  
19 IT'S JUST LIKE TAKING A CENSUS COUNT. YOU'RE OUT THERE, BUT  
20 YOU'RE NOT GETTING AN ACCURATE FEED OF WHAT I KNOW AND WHAT  
21 OUR PROVIDERS KNOW TO BE TRUE. SO I AM CONCERNED WITH FUNDING,  
22 BECAUSE AS WE MOVE FORWARD, I DON'T WANT THE FIRST DISTRICT TO  
23 BE SHORTCHANGED. AND I WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT WE HAVE SKILLED  
24 INDIVIDUALS AND THAT WE DO COUNTS, BECAUSE IT'S IN OUR BEST  
25 INTEREST TO HAVE ACCURACY TO THE BEST OF OUR ABILITY. AND I



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1 REALIZE THAT THIS COUNT HAS BEEN GOING ON FOR MANY, MANY YEARS  
2 AND IT'S VOLUNTEER BASIS. IT DOESN'T TAKE A ROCKET SCIENTIST,  
3 BUT YOU DO NEED TO HAVE FOLLOWUP AND MORE ACCURACY. IF WE'RE  
4 GOING TO BE TALKING ABOUT BILLIONS, A BILLION DOLLARS BEING  
5 SPENT EVERY YEAR THAT WE SPEND, WE BETTER KNOW WHERE IT'S  
6 GOING AND HOW IT'S BEING USED AND WHERE IT'S BEING TARGETED,  
7 BECAUSE I KNOW IN MY DISTRICT IT IS A BIG ISSUE, AND I'M GLAD  
8 TO SEE THAT THE COUNTY HAS BEGUN TO WORK WITH US SINCE THIS  
9 BOARD PRIORITY HAS COME ABOUT OUT THIS LAST 15 OR 16 MONTHS.  
10 BUT THERE'S MORE TO BE DONE. AND I'D LIKE TO SIDE ON THE FACT  
11 THAT WE HAVE GOOD DATA AND DATA THAT CAN REALLY COMPELLINGLY  
12 SHARE WITH ME AND MY CITIES AND MY PROVIDERS WHERE WE MAY BE  
13 SHORT-CIRCUITED IF WE'RE NOT GETTING THE RIGHT DATA. WE DON'T  
14 HAVE ENOUGH PROVIDERS THAT ARE RECEIVING FUNDING IN THE SAN  
15 GABRIEL VALLEY AND POMONA AREA. WHY IS THAT WHEN WE KNOW THIS  
16 PROBLEM HAS BEEN IN EXISTENCE NOW FOR SOME TIME? WE DON'T HAVE  
17 THE SAME INFRASTRUCTURE THAT PERHAPS OTHER PARTS OF THE COUNTY  
18 HAVE TO LEVERAGE THOSE RESOURCES. MY CONCERN IS MAKING SURE WE  
19 DO THAT MOVING FORWARD. SO, YES, I DO WANT TO SEE MORE FUNDING  
20 GOING IN THIS AREA, BUT I WANT IT DONE IN A WAY THAT'S  
21 ACCURATE, THAT ACTUALLY SHOWS US PROOF AND FACTS, BECAUSE  
22 THAT'S WHAT THE TAXPAYERS ARE GOING TO ASK OF US. YES?

23

24 **SACHI HAMA, C.E.O.:** MADAME CHAIR AND MEMBERS, I THINK THE  
25 CONVERSATION HERE TODAY IS A VERY GOOD CONVERSATION, AND I



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1 THINK THAT ALL OF THE COMMENTS ARE VERY VALID AND SOMETHING  
2 THAT AS WE MOVE FORWARD, THE C.E.O.'S OFFICE, ALONG WITH THE  
3 OFFICE OF HOMELESSNESS AND ALL OF OUR DEPARTMENTS NEED TO  
4 CAREFULLY AND STRATEGICALLY IDENTIFY WHERE THE FUNDING GOES  
5 TOWARD. BUT I THINK THAT'S OUR FIRST BATTLE, IS TRYING TO  
6 FIGURE OUT THE FUNDING. AND I THINK THAT'S WHAT WE'RE TALKING  
7 ABOUT TODAY, IS TRYING TO LEAVE THE DOORS OPEN TO GET SOME  
8 KIND OF FUNDING. AND UNTIL WE GET THAT FUNDING, I DON'T THINK  
9 WE COULD TAKE THE NEXT STEP IN TERMS OF IDENTIFYING WHERE THE  
10 FUNDING GOES. I CERTAINLY UNDERSTAND YOUR CONCERNS, AND OUR  
11 STAFF WILL WORK VERY HARD WITH EACH OF YOUR OFFICES TO MAKE  
12 SURE THAT THE NEEDS, THE FUNDING IS GOING TOWARD THE NEEDS OF  
13 EVERY COMMUNITY, BECAUSE HOMELESSNESS IS NOT JUST IN ONE AREA;  
14 IT'S THROUGHOUT OUR COUNTY. SO, I JUST WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT  
15 WE TAKE OUR FIRST STEP TODAY AND JUST PRESERVE OUR OPTIONS.  
16 AND I THINK THAT'S WHAT'S BEFORE THE BOARD. AGAIN, IT'S THE  
17 BOARD'S DECISION, BUT HOPEFULLY WE LEAVE THAT DOOR OPEN AND  
18 THERE WILL BE MORE DISCUSSION ABOUT WHAT SHOULD OR SHOULD NOT  
19 GO ON THE NOVEMBER BALLOT IF THE BOARD SO CHOOSES OR A FUTURE  
20 BALLOT. BUT AGAIN, I THINK WE DO NEED TO IDENTIFY OUR OPTIONS  
21 AND PRESERVE THE OPTIONS FOR FUNDING SOURCES. THANK YOU.

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23 **PHIL ANSELL:** SUPERVISOR, MIGHT I JUST CLARIFY A FEW OF THE  
24 POINTS THAT WERE RAISED IN THE RECENT COMMENTS BRIEFLY? SO,  
25 FIRST, ON THE PROCESS ISSUES AROUND THE POLL, I WANT TO



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1    UNDERSCORE THAT WE DID MEET WITH THE HOMELESS DEPUTIES AND THE  
2    POLLSTER TO REVIEW THE ACTUAL DRAFT POLLING QUESTIONS, AND  
3    THERE WAS A CONSENSUS AMONG THE DEPUTIES AROUND THE ACTUAL  
4    WORDING OF EACH QUESTION IN THE POLL. SECONDLY, ON THE  
5    QUESTION OF RELIABILITY, I JUST WANTED TO GO BACK AND  
6    UNDERSCORE WHAT WE HAD PROVIDED IN THE PUBLIC RESULTS ON APRIL  
7    22ND, THAT WITH RESPECT TO BOTH THE PARKS AND THE  
8    TRANSPORTATION MEASURE, THE RESULTS WERE THE SAME IN THIS POLL  
9    AS IN THE PRIOR, WHERE THE PARKS MEASURE IN DECEMBER OF 2015  
10    ENJOYED 69 PERCENT, THE SAME IN THIS POLL, 69 PERCENT. THE  
11    TRANSPORTATION MEASURE IN DECEMBER 2015 HAD 69 PERCENT  
12    SUPPORT, IN THIS POLL, 71 PERCENT. SO, JUST ON THE QUESTIONS  
13    OF THE RELIABILITY OF THIS POLL, THE FACT THAT THE RESULTS  
14    WERE THE SAME WOULD SEEM TO SUBSTANTIATE THE RELIABILITY OF  
15    THIS POLL. THAT SAID, THOUGH, I WANT TO SAY, SUPERVISOR SOLIS,  
16    IN PARTICULAR, THAT I REGRET THE FACT THAT WE WERE NOT ABLE TO  
17    SECURE THIS DETAILED DATA BY SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS UNTIL WE  
18    DID FROM OUR POLLSTER. WE, AS I MENTIONED, WE'VE MET ON THREE  
19    OCCASIONS WITH YOUR STAFF AND HAVE PROVIDED EXTREMELY DETAILED  
20    BRIEFINGS, BOTH PRIVATELY AND OTHERWISE FOR THE DEPUTIES AS A  
21    WHOLE. SO, I WANTED TO UNDERSCORE --

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23    **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** I WOULD JUST STOP THERE, BECAUSE  
24    THAT'S NOT THE INFORMATION I GOT BACK FROM MY DEPUTIES. THEY



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1 WERE ASKING FOR INFORMATION, AND THEY DIDN'T RECEIVE IT. SO,  
2 THAT'S FINE.

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4 **PHIL ANSELL:** AND, IN ANY CASE, I WANT TO SAY THAT WE ARE -- WE  
5 CAN PURSUE ADDITIONAL POLLING, IF IT'S IN THE BOARD'S  
6 INTEREST. AND THEN, FINALLY, JUST ON SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH'S  
7 POINT, I JUST WANTED TO BE CLEAR THAT THIS REVENUE WOULD NOT  
8 BE LIMITED OTHER THAN TO BE SPECIFICALLY TO COMBAT  
9 HOMELESSNESS AND COULD BE USED IN THE FULL BREADTH OF WAYS  
10 THAT THE BOARD APPROVED IN THE HOMELESS INITIATIVE STRATEGIES,  
11 WHICH COULD INCLUDE, FOR EXAMPLE, MATCHING MEDI-CAL DOLLARS  
12 THAT WOULD SUPPORT MENTAL HEALTH AND SUBSTANCE-USE-DISORDER  
13 TREATMENT. THANK YOU.

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15 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** OKAY, WITH THAT, I BELIEVE WE HAVE AT  
16 LEAST 23 SPEAKERS THAT SIGNED UP THAT WILL BE GIVEN PREFERENCE  
17 TO SPEAK FIRST ON THIS ITEM. AND THEY'LL BE GIVEN TWO MINUTES.  
18 AND WE'LL BEGIN WITH THE LIST THAT I RECEIVED YESTERDAY OR  
19 THIS MORNING -- TODAY. NORMALLY THIS GOES THROUGH THE CHAIR'S  
20 OFFICE WITH TIME TO PREPARE. SO, I DO WANT TO BRING THAT TO  
21 THE BOARD'S ATTENTION. WE'LL BEGIN WITH SPEAKER NUMBER 1, AND  
22 I'LL CALL UP IN PAIRS OF THREE IF I CAN. DENNY ZANE. SHARRON  
23 HAYNES. WILMA HAYNES.

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1   **DENNY ZANE:** SUPERVISORS, MY NAME IS DENNY ZANE. I AM ACTUALLY  
2   HERE TODAY WEARING THREE HATS. ONE IS AS CO-CHAIR OF AN  
3   ORGANIZATION 40 YEARS AGO FOUNDED IN SANTA MONICA, SANTA  
4   MONICANS FOR RENTERS' RIGHTS, FOR WHOM HOMELESSNESS AND  
5   AFFORDABLE HOUSING HAS BEEN A PREOCCUPATION FOR FOUR DECADES.  
6   SECONDLY AS EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF MOVE L.A. AND THIRDLY JUST  
7   AS A RESIDENT OF THIS COUNTY. AS A LEADER IN SANTA MONICA'S  
8   RENTERS' RIGHTS, I WANT TO SAY TO YOU THAT MY COMMUNITY WOULD  
9   VERY MUCH APPRECIATE YOUR CONTINUED LEADERSHIP IN THIS ISSUE.  
10   WE THINK THAT YOU HAVE BEFORE YOU AN OPPORTUNITY TO CREATE AN  
11   OPPORTUNITY, NOT YET A COMMITMENT, BUT AN OPPORTUNITY YOU DO  
12   NOT NOW HAVE. AND I THINK THAT'S AN ESSENTIAL POINT FOR YOU TO  
13   CONSIDER. DECISIONS ABOUT WHAT EXACTLY TO DO GOING FORWARD AND  
14   WHEN ARE STILL BEFORE YOU, BUT YOU NEED TO CREATE THE BEST  
15   OPPORTUNITIES. AS AN EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF MOVE L.A., WE ARE,  
16   OF COURSE, VERY CONCERNED ABOUT THE INTERPLAY BETWEEN MEASURES  
17   ON THE BALLOT, BECAUSE BOTH THE TRANSPORTATION AND THE  
18   HOMELESS MEASURE ARE VITAL, ARE VITALLY IMPORTANT TO OUR  
19   COUNTY. BUT WE UNDERSTAND THAT THAT IS A DEBATE STILL BEFORE  
20   US AND THAT WE WILL HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO WEIGH IN. WE ARE, I  
21   THINK, PLEASED TO HEAR THAT THE POLLING RESULTS GIVES US  
22   COMFORT ON THIS ISSUE. WE THINK THAT, THEREFORE, YOU SHOULD  
23   CONSIDER MOVING FORWARD SEEKING TO EXPAND YOUR OPTIONS, AS  
24   PROPOSED. THIRDLY, AS A PERSON, AS A RESIDENT, I MUST EXPRESS  
25   TO YOU THAT I AM VERY PROUD OF THE FACT THAT YOU HAVE THIS





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1   MATTER BEFORE YOU. THIS IS A MORAL IMPERATIVE FOR OUR COUNTY.  
2   THIS IS A MORAL IMPERATIVE FOR OUR STATE AND OUR NATION. YOU  
3   ARE AMONG THOSE, I THINK, WHO ARE BEST PREPARED TO LEAD THAT  
4   EFFORT. AND I AM DEEPLY PROUD OF THE LEADERSHIP YOU ARE  
5   SHOWING, AND I STAND BEHIND YOU PERSONALLY. [APPLAUSE]

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7   **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** NEXT SPEAKER.

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9   **SHARRON HAYNES:** GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS SHARRON HAYNES. I AM  
10   A RESIDENT OF THE LOS ANGELES AREA. SPECIFICALLY I LIVE IN  
11   WATTS. AND I'M HERE, I'M IN SUPPORT OF ITEM AGENDA 10. AND I  
12   WOULD LIKE TO -- I DON'T WANT TO USE THE WORD ADMONISH, BUT I  
13   WANT TO HIGHLY RECOMMEND THAT THIS BOARD CONSIDERS WHAT IS  
14   BEING RECOMMENDED TO THEM. AND I UNDERSTAND SOME OF THE ISSUES  
15   OF SUPERVISOR SOLIS. I, TOO, BEING IN AREA 2 OR DISTRICT 2, WE  
16   HAVE CONCERNS TO MAKE SURE THAT THINGS ARE ACTUALLY ALLOCATED  
17   PROPERLY. AND BECAUSE OF THAT, WE WANT TO -- I ALSO WANT TO  
18   ADMONISH YOU TO UNDERSTAND THAT IT'S NOT JUST THE VETERANS.  
19   IT'S ALSO THE YOUTH. IN MY DISTRICT, YOUTH ARE SO MUCH IN  
20   HOMELESSNESS. AND TO BE ABLE TO HONOR THAT PARTICULAR  
21   RECOMMENDATION THAT'S BEFORE YOU REGARDING THE MILLIONAIRES  
22   BEING ABLE TO BE TAXED, I THINK THAT IS CRITICAL. I ALSO  
23   BELIEVE THAT IF WE GO AHEAD AND SET ASIDE THAT INFORMATION NOW  
24   SO THAT WHEN WE ACTUALLY DO WHAT YOU ALL ARE REQUESTING LIKE  
25   THE POLLING, THAT IT'S ACTUALLY ALREADY IMPLEMENTED AND THAT



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1 IT'S ALREADY DONE, BECAUSE AS WE ALL KNOW, HOMELESSNESS IS  
2 CRITICAL IN OUR COMMUNITY, NOT JUST WATTS, NOT JUST LOS  
3 ANGELES, SAN GABRIEL VALLEY, EVERYWHERE. AND SO WHAT HAPPENS  
4 IS YOU HAVE ALL OF THE HOMELESS COME FROM ONE AREA TO ANOTHER  
5 AREA TO ANOTHER AREA CONSEQUENTLY IMPACTING ALL OF IT. AND  
6 WITH THAT BEING SAID, IT IS CRITICAL THAT WE ALREADY TRY TO  
7 GET THE FUNDING IN PLACE. AND I ADMONISH YOU AGAIN TO PLEASE  
8 SUPPORT ITEM NO. 10 ON THE AGENDA FOR TODAY. THANK YOU VERY  
9 MUCH.

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11 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER?

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13 **WILMA HAYNES:** MY NAME IS WILMA HANYES AND I'M ALSO A RESIDENT  
14 IN THE WATTS AREA AND I'M HERE TO SUPPORT NO. 10. AND I ALSO  
15 WOULD LIKE TO RECOMMEND AND SUGGEST THAT ACCORDING TO P-1,  
16 MAYBE A STATE LAW COMBATTING HOMELESSNESS NEEDS TO BE  
17 IMPLEMENTED, AND IF THAT'S POSSIBLE, LET IT BE. BUT, AGAIN,  
18 I'M AGAIN ASKING THE BOARD TO SUPPORT THE MOTION THAT THE  
19 SUPERVISORS BROUGHT TO YOU TODAY. THANK YOU. I'M WILMA HAYNES.

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21 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. I'D LIKE TO CALL UP MISS  
22 ALICE CRAFT, DOTTY FUENTES, AND ELIZABETH AGUILAR. ARE THEY  
23 HERE? ALICE CRAFT? DOTTY FUENTES? ELIZABETH AGUILAR? OKAY.  
24 WILLIAM ALLEN. EFREN MARTINEZ. YOU CAN GO AHEAD. STATE YOUR  
25 NAME.



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2 **EFREN MARTINEZ:** GOOD MORNING. MADAME CHAIR AND SUPERVISORS, I

3 AM EFREN MARTINEZ, THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE FLORENCE-

4 FIRESTONE-WALNUT PARK CHAMBER OF COMMERCE. I COME TODAY IN

5 SUPPORT OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY.. I APOLOGIZE. I COME TODAY IN

6 SUPPORT OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY LOOKING INTO A BALLOT INITIATIVE

7 TO IMPOSE A MODEST TAX ON THE INDIVIDUALS WITH INCOMES OF \$1

8 MILLION OR MORE. AS A 10-YEAR MILITARY VETERAN MYSELF, THERE

9 IS NO BETTER USE OF THESE FUNDS OTHER THAN TO HELP OUR

10 HOMELESS VETERANS, CHILDREN, FAMILIES AND ADULTS, IN

11 PARTICULAR, THOSE WITH MENTAL ILLNESS. YES, OUR ECONOMY HAS

12 NOT YET FULLY RECOVERED. BUT WE CANNOT TURN OUR HEAD THE OTHER

13 WAY AND THINK THAT THOSE IN NEED AND LESS FORTUNATE WILL JUST

14 VANISH IN THIN AIR. WE NEED TO DO WHAT IS RIGHT AND PUSH THIS

15 ITEM SO THAT WE, THE PEOPLE, CAN HELP OUR NEIGHBORS AND

16 COMMUNITY TO LIVE A BETTER LIFE. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. AND,

17 MISS SOLIS, I WAS ALSO A PART OF THE PUSH OF COUNTY IN YOUR

18 DISTRICT IN ONE OF THE PARKS, AND YOU'RE ABSOLUTELY RIGHT.

19 THERE WAS A LOT OF AREAS THAT WE WENT OUT TO THE PARK AT 6:30

20 IN THE AFTERNOON TO COUNT THE HOMELESS. THAT'S NOT THE TIME

21 THAT OUR HOMELESS ARE OUT THERE. THEY'RE OUT THERE PAST 8, 9

22 O'CLOCK AT NIGHT. AT 6:30, THEY'RE STILL THERE PLAYING

23 BASKETBALL. THE KIDS ARE PLAYING BASEBALL. OUR HOMELESS ARE

24 NOT NECESSARILY THERE YET. SO, ONCE AGAIN, I DO SUPPORT THIS.

25 THANK YOU VERY MUCH.



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2 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU FOR HIGHLIGHTING THAT.  
3 WILLIAM ALLEN, IS HE HERE? OKAY. WE'LL MOVE ON TO MISS JO  
4 NICOL, MISS JOANNE FLETCHER, AND JIM SMITH. GOOD MORNING.

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6 **SPEAKER:** GOOD MORNING, BOARD. I AM HERE TO SPEAK ON ITEM 10 AS  
7 WELL AS THE MOTION OF SUPERVISORS MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS AND  
8 SHEILA KUEHL RESPONDING TO THE PUBLIC'S CALL TO ADDRESS THE  
9 HOMELESSNESS CRISIS. I'M HERE THIS MORNING TO REPRESENT THE  
10 INTEREST OF THE HOMEOWNERS OF PONDEROSA WEST CONDOMINIUM  
11 COMPLEX, WHICH CONSISTS OF 216 FAMILIES LOCATED ON VERMONT  
12 BETWEEN TORRANCE BOULEVARD AND DEL AMO. THAT'S THE SECOND  
13 DISTRICT. I'M THE PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF OUR  
14 COMPLEX, AND I HAVE AN INTEREST IN THE SAFETY OF ALL OUR  
15 RESIDENTS, HOMEOWNERS AND RENTERS ALIKE. THANK YOU FOR THE  
16 OPPORTUNITY TO DISCUSS WITH YOU THE ISSUES AND CONCERNS WE  
17 HAVE AS A COMMUNITY WITH REGARD TO THE HOMELESS POPULATION.  
18 WE'VE HAD A NUMBER OF UNFORTUNATE INCIDENTS OCCUR AS A RESULT  
19 OF THE R.V.S THAT PARK AROUND OUR COMPLEX. THEY PARK BLOCKS  
20 AND BLOCKS AWAY AND RIGHT AT OUR COMPLEX, INCIDENTS SUCH AS A  
21 FATHER CAME TO MY DAUGHTER COMPLAINING THAT HIS 12-YEAR-OLD  
22 DAUGHTER WENT OUT ONTO THEIR PATIO AND WAS CONFRONTED WITH A  
23 HOMELESS MAN URINATING IN THE SHRUBBERY DIRECTLY BELOW HER.  
24 THERE'S BEEN NUMEROUS COMPLAINTS ABOUT THE STENCH EMANATING  
25 FROM THE LANDSCAPE AROUND THE PERIMETER OF OUR COMPLEX. I USED



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1 TO WALK THE PARKING LOT FOR EXERCISE, BUT I CAN NO LONGER DO  
2 THAT BECAUSE OF THE STENCH. TWICE I'VE BEEN TOLD BY DOG OWNERS  
3 THAT THEY NO LONGER FEEL SAFE WALKING THEIR DOGS OUTSIDE THE  
4 PERIMETERS OF THE PROPERTY. ONE MORNING A WOMAN CAME IN AND  
5 SAID SHE FOUND A TOWEL AND A BAR OF SOAP LEFT BEHIND AT THE  
6 SWIMMING POOL. SHE RECONSIDERED TAKING HER MORNING SWIM THAT  
7 MORNING. THERE ARE TIMES THAT ODORS EMANATING FROM A  
8 PARTICULAR R.V. MADE US WONDER IF THERE WAS A DECOMPOSING BODY  
9 INSIDE. I'M SERIOUS. IT'S THAT HORRENDOUS. OUR PROBLEM IS NOT  
10 JUST THE HOMELESS DRIVING R.V.S AND PARKING AROUND THE  
11 PROPERTY. OUR PROBLEM IS ALSO --

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13 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, MA'AM. THANK YOU.

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15 **SPEAKER:** TIME?

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17 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** YES. WHEN THE BELL GOES OFF. SORRY.  
18 THANK YOU. THANK YOU FOR COMING. NEXT SPEAKER?

19

20 **JAMES SMITH:** GOOD AFTERNOON, MADAME CHAIR AND MEMBERS OF THE  
21 BOARD. MY NAME IS JAMES SMITH, AND I'M THE PRESIDENT OF A  
22 PROGRAM CALLED YOUTH EMPLOYMENT SOLUTIONS, YES, YOUTHBUILD.  
23 I'M ALSO A COMMISSIONER FOR THE EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING  
24 ADVISORY COMMISSION IN THE CITY OF COMPTON. AND I'M ALSO A  
25 MEMBER OF THE TRANSITIONAL AGED YOUTH PROGRAM HOMELESS OR



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1 HOUSING PROGRAM FOR YOUTH. I'M HERE IN SUPPORT OF ITEM NO. 10  
2 AND THE INCREASE OF A MILLION DOLLARS PER YEAR TO COMBAT  
3 HOMELESSNESS AND TO JUST TALK AND SUPPORT THE EFFORTS OF  
4 SUPERVISOR MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS AND THE REST OF THE BOARD  
5 MEMBERS AND THEIR CONVERSATION TO BRING MORE RESOURCES TO  
6 COMBAT THE PROBLEM HERE IN THE COUNTY OF HOMELESSNESS. I'M  
7 REALLY CONCERNED ABOUT HOMELESSNESS AS IT PARTICULARLY IMPACTS  
8 THE YOUNG PEOPLE 18 TO 24 AND THAT OUR YOUTHBUILD PROGRAM THAT  
9 HAS BEEN WORKING HERE IN THE COUNTY FOR THE LAST 20 YEARS HAS  
10 INCREASED FROM SIX YOUTHBUILD PROGRAMS TO 24 YOUTHBUILD  
11 PROGRAMS. AND I THINK ABOUT A COUPLE OF WEEKS AGO YOU HAD AN  
12 OPPORTUNITY TO HEAR FROM A NUMBER OF OUR YOUNG LEADERS THAT  
13 WERE HERE AS WE WALKED DOWN THE STREET WITH OVER 500 18-TO-24-  
14 YEAR-OLD YOUNG PEOPLE THAT ARE SOME HOMELESS, SOME JUST  
15 RETURNING FROM COUNTY CAMPS AND JAILS, SOME FOSTER CARE KIDS,  
16 BUT THEY ALL HAD ONE THING IN COMMON AS THEY CAME INTO THE  
17 BOARDROOM A COUPLE OF WEEKS AGO IN THAT THEY ARE ALL IN THE  
18 YOUTHBUILD PROGRAM. THEY'RE NOT HOMELESS NOW. AND THEY'RE  
19 GETTING MENTAL HEALTH TREATMENT. THEY'RE GETTING HOUSING  
20 TREATMENT. AND MORE IMPORTANTLY, THEY'RE GETTING JOB TRAINING  
21 AND EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES THROUGH JOINING THE UNION WITH  
22 GOOD-PAYING JOBS. I'M HERE TALKING ABOUT HOMELESSNESS AS IT  
23 REFLECTS THE 18-TO-24-YEAR-OLD POPULATION. AND ANY RESOURCES  
24 OR FINANCIAL SUPPORT THAT CAN COME DOWN FROM THE STATE TO THE  
25 COUNTY OR THAT CAN COME FROM OUR TAX DOLLARS AND TAXES THAT



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1 MAY BRING REVENUE TO HELP SUPPORT THIS PROBLEM, WE SUPPORT  
2 THAT..

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4 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, SIR. JAMES SMITH: ..AND  
5 STAND BEHIND THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS IN THEIR DECISION TO  
6 MAKE THAT HAPPEN.

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8 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** WE HAVE MISS JOANNE FLETCHER, ROBERTO  
9 RODRIGUEZ, AND MARY AGNES ERLANDSON.

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11 **ROBERTO RODRIGUEZ:** GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS ROBERTO  
12 RODRIGUEZ. I AM AN EDUCATOR FOR COMPTON YOUTHBUILD, ONE OF THE  
13 24 YOUTHBUILD PROGRAMS HERE IN L.A. COUNTY. I'VE BEEN AN  
14 EDUCATOR FOR YOUTHBUILD FOR THREE YEARS WORKING WITH 16-TO-24-  
15 YEAR-OLDS. AND ONE OF THE THINGS THAT STRIKES ME IS THE  
16 WILLINGNESS FOR OUR YOUNG PEOPLE, ONCE THEY HAVE A SAFE SPACE  
17 FOR THEM TO BE ABLE TO CULTIVATE THEIR ABILITY TO MOVE  
18 FORWARD, PROVIDING THEM AN OPPORTUNITY TO LIVE SOMEWHERE  
19 ALLOWS THEM TO MOVE FORWARD IN THEIR JOB TRAINING, ALLOWS THEM  
20 TO MOVE FORWARD IN WHATEVER PLANS THEY HAD. BUT IN SOME CASES,  
21 YOU KNOW, I HAVE HAD A NUMBER OF YOUNG PEOPLE THAT HAVE TO  
22 TRAVEL AS SOON AS THEY LEAVE MY PROGRAM AT 4 O'CLOCK OVER TO  
23 HOLLYWOOD TO GET TO THEIR HOMELESS SHELTER. IF THEY DON'T GET  
24 THERE BEFORE 5:30, THERE IS NO OPPORTUNITY FOR THEM TO STAY,  
25 AND THEY HAVE TO SLEEP ON THE STREETS. LONG BEACH, HAVING TO





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1 GO TO LONG BEACH IN SOME CASES, OR HAVING TO LITERALLY FIGURE  
2 OUT WHERE THEY'RE GOING TO COUCH, YOU KNOW, LITERALLY, HEY,  
3 CAN I GO TO YOUR COUCH? CAN I SLEEP ON YOUR COACH? CAN I SLEEP  
4 UNDER -- I HAD A YOUNG PERSON. HE'S 24 YEARS OLD, YOUNG MAN.  
5 HE SLEEPS UNDER SOMEONE'S TABLE. BUT YET, HE'S WILLING TO  
6 CONTINUE HIS EDUCATION IN ORDER FOR HIM TO FINISH. YOU KNOW,  
7 TAXING PEOPLE THAT MAKE OVER \$1 MILLION, YOU KNOW, MR.  
8 ANTONOVICH -- BOARD MEMBER ANTONOVICH MENTIONED THAT THESE ARE  
9 JOB CREATORS. YES, THESE ARE JOB CREATORS THAT ALSO NEED THESE  
10 YOUNG PEOPLE TO BE READY AND PREPARED, YOU KNOW. AND FOR THEM  
11 TO BE ABLE TO BE TAXED JUST A LITTLE BIT MORE, YOU KNOW, CAN  
12 ULTIMATELY CULTIVATE MORE JOB OPPORTUNITIES, MORE  
13 OPPORTUNITIES, PARTICULARLY FOR OUR YOUNG PEOPLE. OUR YOUNG  
14 PEOPLE ARE READY TO GO. THEY JUST NEED THOSE OPPORTUNITIES FOR  
15 THEM TO BE LIKE, OKAY, LET ME FIGURE OUT HOW I CAN WORK WITH  
16 YOU, HOW I CAN MOVE FORWARD IN MY LIFE IN ORDER FOR ME TO BE  
17 ABLE TO CULTIVATE GROWTH AND OPPORTUNITIES IN LOS ANGELES  
18 COUNTY. THERE'S BILLIONS OF PROJECTS THAT OUR YOUNG PEOPLE ARE  
19 WILLING TO WORK WITH. IF YOU GIVE THEM A CHANCE, IF YOU GIVE  
20 THEM AN OPPORTUNITY, THEY WILL BE PART OF THE TRANSFORMATION  
21 OF L.A. COUNTY. THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR YOUR TIME.

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23 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER.

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1   **MARY AGNES ERLANDSON:** GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS MARY AGNES  
2   ERLANDSON, AND I'M THE DIRECTOR OF ST. MARGARET CENTER IN  
3   LENNOX, A CATHOLIC CHARITIES PROGRAM PROVIDING FOOD, HOMELESS  
4   SERVICES, IMMIGRATION, COUNSELING, EDUCATIONAL, AND SUPPORTIVE  
5   SERVICES TO POVERTY-LEVEL HOUSEHOLDS IN DISTRICT 2 FOR 28  
6   YEARS. ST. MARGARET'S IS THE REGIONAL CENTER IN THE NORTHERN  
7   HUB OF S.P.A. 8 FOR THE COORDINATED ENTRY SYSTEM OR C.E.S.  
8   PROGRAM, AND I'M HERE TODAY WITH OUR C.E.S. OUTREACH WORKERS  
9   CHERISE PAYNE AND SHANTE DAVIS. OUR TEAM PROVIDES OUTREACH,  
10   CASE MANAGEMENT, HOUSING NAVIGATION, AND PLACEMENT IN THE  
11   CITIES OF INGLEWOOD, HAWTHORNE, GARDENA, AND LAWNDAL, AS WELL  
12   AS THE UNINCORPORATED AREAS OF WEST ATHENS AND LENNOX. ON  
13   BEHALF OF ST. MARGARET'S CENTER AND THE SOUTH BAY COALITION TO  
14   END HOMELESSNESS, WE'RE HERE TO ENTHUSIASTICALLY SUPPORT  
15   SUPERVISOR MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS' MOTION TO ESTABLISH ONGOING  
16   FUNDING TO END AND PREVENT HOMELESSNESS. OVER THE PAST TWO  
17   YEARS, ST. MARGARET'S CENTER AND OUR S.P.A. 8 TEAM, LED BY  
18   HARBOR INTERFAITH SERVICES, HAS SUCCESSFULLY PLACED 422  
19   CHRONICALLY HOMELESS INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES INTO  
20   PERMANENT HOUSING WITH THE C.E.S. PROGRAM BY UNITED WAY AND  
21   L.A.H.S.A. AND WE'VE ASSESSED AND ARE CONTINUING TO WORK WITH  
22   HUNDREDS MORE VISIBLE AND INVISIBLE HOMELESS PERSONS IN OUR  
23   COMMUNITIES. THE C.E.S. MODEL REVOLVES AROUND COORDINATION AND  
24   COLLABORATION, AND OUR STAFF IS WORKING AS ONE TEAM WITH STAFF  
25   FROM OTHER AGENCIES IN OUR S.P.A., SOMETHING I'VE NEVER



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1 EXPERIENCED BEFORE IN MY 30 YEARS OF SOCIAL SERVICE WORK, TO  
2 ERADICATE AND PREVENT HOMELESSNESS IN OUR REGION IN LOS  
3 ANGELES. THE EXPERIENCE OF MOVING AN INDIVIDUAL WHO'S BEEN  
4 SLEEPING ON THE STREETS OF L.A. FOR LITERALLY DECADES INTO HIS  
5 OWN APARTMENT IS POWERFUL AND HUMBLING, AND WE'VE ACCOMPLISHED  
6 THIS TIME AND AGAIN IN THE PAST COUPLE OF YEARS. THIS WORK IS  
7 FOCUSED, COORDINATED, AND HAS PROVEN TO BE SUCCESSFUL. IT MUST  
8 NOT ONLY BE SUSTAINED, BUT SHOULD BE EXPANDED TO MORE  
9 EFFECTIVELY REACH A GREATER NUMBER OF HOMELESS PERSONS IN NEED  
10 OF TARGETED SERVICES UNIQUE TO THOSE INDIVIDUALS. IN THE  
11 LATEST HOMELESS COUNT, WE SEE THAT THERE HAS BEEN A 10-1/2  
12 PERCENT INCREASE IN HOMELESSNESS IN S.P.A. 8 AND 8-1/2  
13 PERCENT INCREASE IN DISTRICT 2. THERE'S MUCH MORE WORK TO BE  
14 DONE, AND THIS CAN ONLY HAPPEN WITH SUSTAINED AND EXPANDED  
15 FUNDING. THANK YOU.

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17 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. THE NEXT SERIES OF  
18 SPEAKERS IS KRUTI PAREK, ANN SEWELL, MR. ROBERT HAMILTON, AND  
19 RUTH SCHWARTZ.

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21 **ANN SEWELL:** GOOD AFTERNOON. I'M ANN SEWELL, RESIDENT OF THE  
22 THIRD DISTRICT, VICE PRESIDENT OF CALIFORNIA COMMUNITY  
23 FOUNDATION AND HERE IN SUPPORT OF THIS MOTION AND GRATEFUL FOR  
24 THE LEADERSHIP THAT THIS BOARD IS SHOWING CONCERNING RESOURCES  
25 TO ADDRESS THE PROBLEM OF HOMELESSNESS IN OUR COMMUNITIES. I



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1 WAS AT AN EVENT WITH TWO OTHER FOUNDATIONS THIS MORNING WHERE  
2 WE ANNOUNCED THAT WE WERE PUTTING IN 16 MILLION, WE HOPE SOON  
3 TO GROW THAT TO OVER 20 MILLION, TO KICK OFF THE BEGINNING OF  
4 PRODUCTION, TRIPLING THE NUMBER OF PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE  
5 HOUSING UNITS, WHICH HAVE BEEN WOEFULLY LOW. AND WE CAN ONLY  
6 DO THIS IF THERE IS MONEY FROM GOVERNMENT COMING WITH US AT  
7 THE TAIL END OF A PIPELINE THAT WE'RE CREATING. AND SO, THIS  
8 WOULD BE AN IMPORTANT OPTION THAT YOU ARE CREATING HERE. AND  
9 WE KNOW, YOU KNOW, WE HEARD FROM A RESIDENT THERE WHO WAS ALL  
10 THREE OF THE THINGS THAT THE SUPERVISOR MENTIONED. HE WAS  
11 DRUG-ADDICTED AND AN ALCOHOLIC AND HAD MENTAL ILLNESS. AND HE  
12 TALKED ABOUT THE IMPORTANCE OF HOUSING FIRST. YOU CANNOT GET  
13 BETTER IF YOU DON'T HAVE A STABLE PLACE TO START. AND IT WAS  
14 REALLY A TESTIMONIAL TO HOW IMPORTANT THIS WORK IS. WE ALSO  
15 HAVE TALKED A LOT ABOUT THE FACT THAT WE -- THE POLL THAT  
16 YOU'VE DONE, I THINK, IS STELLAR, IS WONDERFUL, AND WE KNOW  
17 THAT THE WORK THAT WAS DONE GOING OUT INTO THE COMMUNITIES AND  
18 TRYING TO COUNT HOMELESS PEOPLE IS CHALLENGING. IT'S NOT LIKE  
19 THE CENSUS. PEOPLE MOVE AROUND. AND SO, WE KNOW THAT THAT  
20 COUNT IS SIGNIFICANTLY UNDERCOUNTED. WE THINK WE PROBABLY  
21 DON'T HAVE 45,000 HOMELESS PEOPLE IN THE COUNTY OF L.A. WE  
22 PROBABLY HAVE AT LEAST 150,000 OVER YEAR, BECAUSE WE'RE  
23 COUNTING OVER THREE NIGHTS AND THERE ARE PEOPLE WHO CYCLE IN  
24 AND OUT OF HOMELESSNESS. IT'S ODD THAT THE COUNTY OF L.A.  
25 REPORTS THAT WE HAVE 72 PERCENT INDIVIDUAL HOMELESS PEOPLE,



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1    INSTEAD OF NEW YORK CITY, WHICH HAS 72 PERCENT FAMILIES. AND  
2    WE THINK HERE, THE FAMILIES ARE INVISIBLE. SO THANK YOU FOR  
3    YOUR LEADERSHIP.

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5    **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER.

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7    **CRUTI PAREK:** HI. GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS CRUTI PAREK. IT'S  
8    REALLY NICE TO SEE YOU ALL HERE, AND I REALLY JUST SALUTE THE  
9    LEADERSHIP THAT'S BRINGING THIS TO THE TABLE. THANK YOU. AND I  
10    COMPLETELY SUPPORT IT. I REMEMBER SEEING MOST OF YOU A COUPLE  
11    OF WEEKS AGO WHEN WE WERE HERE FOR YOUTHBUILD DAY. AND I JUST  
12    WANT TO SAY AS A YOUTH ALLY AND AS AN ORGANIZER WITHIN LOS  
13    ANGELES THAT EVERY SINGLE ONE OF THE DISTRICTS THAT'S UP HERE  
14    HAVE YOUNG PEOPLE THAT ARE CONCERNED ABOUT HOMELESSNESS. IT'S  
15    VERY PERSONAL. IT'S PERSONAL FOR THEMSELVES WHO ARE OFTEN  
16    COUCH SURFING. IT'S PERSONAL FOR THEIR FAMILIES. AND IT'S ONE  
17    OF THE PIECES THAT I'VE BEEN WORKING WITH SITES. LET ME JUST  
18    BE CLEAR. THAT'S FIVE IN DISTRICT 1, 8 IN DISTRICT 2, 2 IN  
19    DISTRICT 3, 3 IN DISTRICT 4, AND 2 IN DISTRICT 5. EVERY SINGLE  
20    ONE OF THE PROGRAMS IS CONCERNED ABOUT HOMELESSNESS AND TAKING  
21    MEASURES, KIND OF LIKE WHAT WE JUST HEARD FROM THE  
22    FOUNDATIONS, RIGHT, THEIR OWN MEASURES TO BE ABLE TO HELP THE  
23    HOMELESS COMMUNITY WITHIN THEIR DISTRICT. THAT'S INCLUDING  
24    BUILDING HOUSING. AND A COUPLE OF WEEKS AGO WHEN WE WERE  
25    MARCHING THROUGH THE STREETS OF LOS ANGELES, WE INTENTIONALLY



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1 MARCHED THROUGH SKID ROW TO BRING A LOT OF LOVE AND SUPPORT  
2 INTO THE COMMUNITY. SO I UNDERSTAND THAT THIS MEASURE MAY NOT  
3 BE PERFECT, SUPERVISOR SOLIS, BUT I JUST REALLY, REALLY  
4 ENCOURAGE YOU TO SUPPORT IT SO THAT WE MOVE FORWARD TO BE ABLE  
5 TO COLLECTIVELY FIGURE OUT THE SOLUTIONS THAT SO MANY FAMILIES  
6 ARE DESPERATELY, DESPERATELY LOOKING FOR. AND IF WE PUT ENOUGH  
7 MONEY INTO IT, THEN WE CAN ACTUALLY ADDRESS MENTAL HEALTH AND  
8 THE LONG-TERM SOLUTIONS THAT IT DESERVES. WE CAN ADDRESS DRUG  
9 AND ALCOHOL USE, BECAUSE WE KNOW, ESPECIALLY AS YOUTH WORKERS,  
10 THAT THE SOLUTIONS ARE NOT ONE MOMENT. IT'S LITERALLY ONE  
11 LIFETIME OF CONSTANTLY SUPPORTING FOLKS THAT ARE STRUGGLING  
12 WITH THIS EFFORT. I ALSO WANT TO ECHO THE SPEAKER BEFORE ME  
13 THAT HOUSING FIRST. YOUNG PEOPLE CANNOT GO TO SCHOOL UNLESS  
14 THEY HAVE A PLACE TO STAY. THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR YOUR TIME.

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16 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** NEXT SPEAKER?

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18 **RUTH SCHWARTZ.:** I'LL GO NEXT. HI, I'M RUTH SCHWARTZ. I'M THE  
19 DIRECTOR OF SHELTER PARTNERSHIP, AND I'VE BEEN WORKING --  
20 YOU'VE HEARD ME SAY THIS BEFORE, 31 YEARS ON THIS ONE ISSUE.  
21 SO, IT'S A VERY EXCITING TIME. I MEAN, YOU'VE RENEWED MY HOPE  
22 THAT WE'RE GOING TO ACTUALLY ACCOMPLISH GREAT THINGS IN THIS  
23 COUNTY. AND IT WAS WORTH STICKING AROUND AND STAYING WITH IT.  
24 I WANT TO SAY A FEW THINGS ABOUT THE STATE. I WOULD LIKE TO  
25 SAY TO YOU THAT THE STATE'S LARGELY ABSENT ON THIS ISSUE. AS



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1 AN APPOINTEE TO THE STATE HOUSING COMMITTEE, WE STOPPED  
2 MEETING LAST YEAR, BECAUSE THERE ARE NO MORE DEALS TO APPROVE  
3 FOR PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING FOR GENERAL ADULTS, BECAUSE  
4 THERE'S NO MORE MONEY. THERE'S NO PERMANENT SOURCE OF FUNDING.  
5 NOW, THERE MAY BE. THERE ARE SOME THINGS IN THE WORKS. BUT I  
6 JUST WANT TO SAY THAT YOUR EFFORTS ARE REALLY CRITICAL, AND WE  
7 CAN'T DEPEND ON THE STATE. YOU KNOW, THE STATE'S BEEN ABSENT.  
8 AND THEY'VE ACTUALLY MADE OUR JOB A LOT HARDER. THINK ABOUT  
9 THINGS LIKE THE MAXIMUM FAMILY GRANT THAT REALLY DENIES PEOPLE  
10 INCOME. THAT MAKES IT REALLY HARD FOR FAMILIES. AND AS A  
11 RESULT OF THAT, A LOT OF FAMILIES THAT HAVE YOUNG CHILDREN ARE  
12 HOMELESS. AND THAT'S THE GREATEST GROWING POPULATION IN THE  
13 HOMELESS FAMILY POPULATION. ON THE OTHER HAND, I WANT TO SAY  
14 THAT WHEN YOU PUT RESOURCES IN, AS YOU ARE ABOUT TO, I HOPE,  
15 WE DO SEE DECREASES. LIKE IN HOMELESS FAMILIES, YOU'RE  
16 RESPONSIBLE FOR THE DECREASE IN HOMELESS FAMILIES. YOUR \$20  
17 MILLION THAT YOU REALLOCATED AND RETARGET IS THE REASON WE  
18 HAVE AN 18-PERCENT DECREASE IN HOMELESS FAMILIES. NOT THE  
19 FEDERAL GOVERNMENT'S, NOT THE STATE GOVERNMENTS, BUT THE  
20 COUNTY GOVERNMENT, AND YOU SHOULD TAKE ALL THE CREDIT FOR  
21 THAT. SO, I THINK THAT JUST EVIDENCE-BASED PRACTICES MAKE A  
22 DIFFERENCE. WE'VE LEARNED A LOT IN 31 YEARS. AND SO, TAKE IT  
23 ALL AWAY. APPROVE TODAY'S MOTION AS BOARD MEMBERS SO  
24 ELOQUENTLY STATED EARLIER. THANK YOU.

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1    **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** NEXT SPEAKER?

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3    **ROBERT HAMILTON:** GOOD AFTERNOON. I'M ROBERT HAMILTON. I'M THE  
4    NEWLY ELECTED PRESIDENT OF THE PALO DEL AMO WOODS HOMELESS  
5    ASSOCIATION. AND I, TOO, APPLAUD YOUR EFFORT. BUT FIRST, I  
6    WOULD SAY BEFORE I CAN SUPPORT THE MEASURE, I'M NEUTRAL ON IT  
7    BECAUSE I HAVE NOT GOTTEN INFORMATION. AND I KNOW THE POLLING  
8    THAT WAS TAKING PLACE. WE'RE DOWN IN THE SOUTH BAY IN THE  
9    SOUTH END OF THE COUNTY. AND, YES, LIKE EVERYBODY ELSE HAS  
10   GOTTEN BEFORE ME, THERE'S SERIOUS PROBLEMS. I AGREE. I TRIED  
11   TO GET THE STATE, THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT INVOLVED WITH NO REAL  
12   EFFORT. THE INVOLVEMENT HAS COME FROM THE COUNTY. SO, WHAT I  
13   WOULD SAY, BEFORE I CAN SUPPORT THAT MEASURE, I'D LIKE TO SEE  
14   MORE DETAILS. I'D LIKE TO SEE A MORE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN WITH  
15   MEASURABLE -- WITH MEASUREMENTS SO YOU CAN MEASURE THE  
16   RESULTS, BECAUSE UNFORTUNATELY THERE IS A -- YOU KNOW, I  
17   REPRESENT 872 HOMES, SINGLE-FAMILY HOMES. AND I CAN TELL YOU  
18   RIGHT NOW THERE'S A LACK OF CONFIDENCE IN ELECTED OFFICIALS AS  
19   TO WHAT WILL HAPPEN TO THE FUNDS, YOU KNOW, THAT THE FUNDS  
20   WOULD NOT GO TO ADMINISTERING OF THESE PROGRAMS. SO,  
21   THEREFORE, GIVE US A MORE DETAILED, MEASURABLE PLAN. LET'S NOT  
22   TREAT THE SYMPTOMS. LET'S TREAT THE PROBLEM. A PLAN, IF YOU  
23   FAIL TO PLAN, YOU CAN PLAN TO FAIL. THANK YOU.

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1   **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, SIR. OUR NEXT ROUND OF  
2   SPEAKERS ARE DEANDRE VALENCIA, MARSHA TEMPLE, BOOKER PEARSON.  
3   GO AHEAD, MA'AM.

4  
5   **LINDA SANDERS:** HI, I'M LINDA SANDERS SPEAKING ON BEHALF OF  
6   MARSHA TEMPLE, WHO COULD NOT BE HERE TODAY. SHE IS THE  
7   EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF INTEGRATED RECOVERY NETWORKS. MARSHA  
8   AGREES WITH AND SUPPORTS THE TAX. AND SHE ALSO WANTED ME TO  
9   TALK BRIEFLY ABOUT USING MONEY THAT IS AVAILABLE NOW TO HELP  
10  PEOPLE NOW. TONIGHT AT MIDNIGHT, 90 PEOPLE WILL BE RELEASED  
11  FROM TWIN TOWERS. ONLY ABOUT 10 OF THOSE PEOPLE HAVE A.B.109  
12  RESOURCES. SO, 60 PEOPLE -- I'M SORRY. SO, 80 PEOPLE WILL NOT  
13  HAVE ANY RE-ENTRY PLAN, WHICH MEANS THEY WON'T HAVE AN  
14  ARRANGED PLACE TO SLEEP TONIGHT OR THE MEDICATION THAT THEY  
15  NEED FOR THEIR MENTAL ILLNESS. SO, THEY'LL FIND THEIR WAY BACK  
16  TO SKID ROW UNTIL THEY ARE ARRESTED AGAIN. MARSHA IS OF THE  
17  OPINION THAT EVERY SINGLE PERSON LEAVING TWIN TOWERS SHOULD  
18  HAVE A RE-ENTRY PLAN, AND THAT IS SOMETHING THAT CAN BE DONE  
19  NOW WITH MONEY THAT'S AVAILABLE NOW. FURTHERMORE, THE HEALTH  
20  AGENCY SHOULD USE THE MONEY ALLOCATED TO IT FOR DIVERSION OF  
21  MENTALLY ILL HOMELESS PEOPLE NOW. L.A.H.S.A.'S HOMELESS CENSUS  
22  SHOWED THAT HOMELESS VETERANS DECREASED BY 30 PERCENT,  
23  HOMELESS FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN DECREASED BY 18 PERCENT. WHY?  
24  BECAUSE THEY RECEIVED CASE MANAGER AND HOUSING VOUCHERS.  
25  THERE'S MONEY ALLOCATED FOR SUCH SERVICES AVAILABLE NOW. THE



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1 PROPOSED NEW TAXES WILL DEFINITELY HELP IN THE LONG RUN, BUT  
2 THESE PEOPLE NEED HELP NOW. SO, THANK YOU.

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4 **BOOKER PEARSON:** HI, I'M BOOKER PEARSON. I'M THE CHAIR OF THE  
5 COUNTY PUBLIC SOCIAL SERVICES COMMISSION. I'M ALSO A  
6 COMMISSIONER FOR L.A.H.S.A., AND I'M A FOUNDER OF AN  
7 ORGANIZATION CALLED UPWARD BOUND HOUSE FOR THE LAST 20 YEARS.  
8 IT'S ASSISTED HOMELESS FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN. I APPLAUD THIS  
9 MOTION AND HOPE THAT YOU WILL PASS IT. IT IS AN OPPORTUNITY.  
10 IT IS NOT THE DETAILS. BUT IF WE MISS THIS OPPORTUNITY, WE  
11 WILL MISS THE OPPORTUNITY TO GARNER THE RESOURCES ON AN  
12 ONGOING BASE THAT WE ABSOLUTELY HAVE TO HAVE. THE ECONOMIC  
13 GROUND FAVOR REPORT POINTED OUT THAT THE NUMBER-ONE CAUSE OF  
14 CHRONIC HOMELESSNESS IN THE COUNTY WAS THE THOUSANDS OF  
15 HOMELESS CHILDREN ON OUR STREETS EVERY MONTH. THEY ALSO  
16 POINTED OUT THAT OVER HALF OF THE RECIPIENTS OF AID THAT ARE  
17 HOMELESS IN THE COUNTY ARE CHILDREN. SO, IF WE DO NOT ADDRESS  
18 THE CHILDREN, THE HOMELESS FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN IN THIS  
19 COUNTY, 62 PERCENT OF EVERY CHILD IN FOSTER CARE WHO WAS  
20 FORMERLY HOMELESS AND 80 PERCENT OF EVERY PRISONER WAS IN  
21 FOSTER CARE. SO WE MUST STOP THIS PIPELINE OF HOMELESS CHILD  
22 TO FOSTER CARE TO GANGS, PRISON, PROSTITUTION, AND CHRONICALLY  
23 HOMELESS. AND I WOULD SAY THAT I AGREE WITH MY SUPERVISOR THAT  
24 HOMELESSNESS IS THE DEFINING CIVIC ISSUE OF OUR TIME. AND IF  
25 WE HAVE A \$28 BILLION BUDGET, WE NEED TO APPROPRIATE CERTAINLY



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1    SOMEWHAT MORE THAN \$150 MILLION, WHICH IS LESS THAN ONE TENTH,  
2    ONE HALF OF ONE PERCENT OF THE ENTIRE COUNTY BUDGET. THANK  
3    YOU.

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5    **DEANDRE VALENCIA:** GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS DEANDRE VALENCIA.  
6    THANK YOU FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO TESTIFY TODAY ON THE BEHALF  
7    OF THE LOS ANGELES VENTURA CHAPTER OF THE BUILDING INDUSTRY  
8    ASSOCIATION OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA. THE BUILDING INDUSTRY  
9    ASSOCIATION REPRESENTS ABOUT 1,100 MEMBER COMPANIES THAT ARE  
10    IN THE BUSINESS OF BUILDING HOMES IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA AND  
11    MORE SPECIFICALLY LOS ANGELES COUNTY. I'M HERE TODAY TO  
12    SUPPORT THIS MOTION 100 PERCENT. B.I.A. HAS BEEN A STRONG  
13    PROPONENT OF SOLVING THE HOMELESS AND HOUSING AFFORDABILITY  
14    PROCESS. SINCE THE 1970S, THE MEMBERS HAVE SUPPORTED  
15    JURISDICTIONS BY BUILDING NEW ROADS, NEW SCHOOLS, PUBLIC  
16    FACILITIES, AND NEW PARKS. NOW WE HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO HELP  
17    SOLVE HOMELESSNESS HERE IN LOS ANGELES, WHICH IS AMAZING.  
18    THERE'S A LOT OF WORK AHEAD OF US, BUT B.I.A. IS READY.  
19    CURRENTLY L.A. COUNTY IS FACING A NINE-YEAR HOUSING DEFICIT OF  
20    NEARLY 180,000 HOUSING UNITS. AN ESTIMATED NEARLY 46,874  
21    PEOPLE ARE HOMELESS ANY GIVEN DAY, AND THE NUMBER OF  
22    UNSHELTERED HOMELESS PERSONS LIVING ON THE STREET,  
23    ENCAMPMENTS, TENTS AND VEHICLES HAS INCREASED BY 11 PERCENT.  
24    INITIAL POLLING OF LIKELY VOTERS SHOWED THAT THE HOMELESS  
25    CRISIS IS THE SECOND MOST IMPORTANT PROBLEM FACING THE COUNTY



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1 ONLY BEHIND JOBS AND THE ECONOMY. POLLING ALSO SHOWED THAT FOR  
2 76 PERCENT, IT'S LIKELY VOTERS WHO STRONGLY SUPPORT THE  
3 NOVEMBER 16 BALLOT INITIATIVE TO IMPOSE A ONE-HALF-PERCENT  
4 INCOME TAX ABOVE 1 MILLION. B.I.A. IS 100-PERCENT BEHIND THIS  
5 MOTION, BELIEVES IT PRESERVES ALL THE OPTIONS TO BE RESPONSIVE  
6 TO THE CONCERNS AND RESIDENTS AND FIND ONGOING FUNDING STREAMS  
7 TO SUCCESSFULLY COMBAT HOMELESSNESS THROUGH A BALLOT  
8 INITIATIVE. THANK YOU.

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10 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. WE HAVE SWEET ALICE  
11 HARRIS, RYAN AZELL, KEVIN MICHAEL KAY, AND PETER LYNN.

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13 **SPEAKER:** GOOD AFTERNOON. I'M SPEAKING ON BEHALF OF RYAN AZELL.  
14 I AM THE S.P.A. 3 COORDINATED ENTRY SYSTEM REGIONAL  
15 COORDINATOR, WHICH COVERS THE SAN GABRIEL VALLEY AND S.P.A. 3,  
16 SUPERVISOR 1, SUPERVISOR 4, AND SUPERVISOR FOR THE 5TH  
17 DISTRICT. AND I'M HERE TO SPEAK IN SUPPORT OF THE MOTION ON  
18 BEHALF OF UNION STATION HOMELESS SERVICES AND MYSELF, BECAUSE  
19 I'M ALSO A RESIDENT IN THE FIFTH DISTRICT. THANK YOU VERY MUCH  
20 FOR BEING WILLING TO HEAR MY COMMENTS. AS YOU KNOW,  
21 HOMELESSNESS AND THE LACK OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING HAS REACHED A  
22 CRISIS POINT. AND CURRENT COUNTY-WIDE RESOURCES HAVEN'T BEEN  
23 ENOUGH TO STEM THE FLOW. WHAT WE KNOW IS THAT HOMELESSNESS IS  
24 AN ISSUE THAT RESPONDS TO EFFECTIVE AND TARGETED RESOURCES. IN  
25 THE SAN GABRIEL VALLEY, WITH LIMITED FUNDING AND TARGETED



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1 RESOURCES, WE HAVE SIGNIFICANTLY REDUCED THE NUMBER OF  
2 HOMELESS VETERANS BECAUSE OF A COMMITMENT THAT WAS MADE TO  
3 FUND THESE RESOURCES IN AN ONGOING WAY. BEING OUTSIDE OF THE  
4 CITY OF LOS ANGELES AND SEPARATE FROM LARGER URBAN AREAS, THE  
5 CENTRAL AND EASTERN AREAS OF THE SAN GABRIEL VALLEY ARE  
6 INCREDIBLY UNDERRESOURCED. THIS INCLUDES CITIES SUCH AS EL  
7 MONTE AZUSA, WEST COVINA, AND POMONA. WE NEED THE COUNTY'S  
8 SUPPORT TO ENSURE THAT EVERYONE HAS A CHANCE TO REBUILD THEIR  
9 LIVES. WE'RE IN THE MIDST OF ADDING TO A S.P.A.-WIDE COMMUNITY  
10 PLAN TO ADDRESS HOMELESSNESS IN THE SAN GABRIEL VALLEY, AND  
11 THIS PLAN BUILDS UPON THE COUNTY'S HOMELESS INITIATIVES. THE  
12 COMMUNITY PARTNERS ARE IN PLACE AND EAGER TO WORK TOGETHER TO  
13 CONTINUE OUR WORK TOWARD ENDING HOMELESSNESS, BUT OUR  
14 RESOURCES ARE STRETCHED TO THE LIMIT, AND WE NEED LONG-TERM  
15 SUSTAINABLE SOURCES OF FUNDING TO PREVENT AND END  
16 HOMELESSNESS. MANY OF YOU HAVE ADDRESSED HOMELESSNESS AS ONE  
17 OF THE TOP ISSUES YOU WISH TO ADDRESS IN YOUR DISTRICT. NOW IS  
18 TIME TO COMMIT TO BRING THE LONG-TERM RESOURCES TO BEAR AND  
19 END HOMELESSNESS. THANK YOU.

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21 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. I'D LIKE TO TO CALL UP THE  
22 NEXT SERIES OF SPEAKERS: ARNOLD SACHS, ERIC PREVEN, RITA  
23 CAMPLAUGH, MEHE RISDEN. ERIC PREVEN?



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1   **ERIC PREVEN:** JUST TRYING TO BE POLITE. YES, IT'S ERIC PREVEN  
2   FROM THE THIRD DISTRICT, AND I APPLAUD THE BOARD OF  
3   SUPERVISORS FOR PEEKING IN THIS DIRECTION. MR. RIDLEY-THOMAS,  
4   THANK YOU. THIS RAISES SOME VERY INTERESTING QUESTIONS,  
5   OBVIOUSLY. THERE WAS -- ONE OF MR. RIDLEY-THOMAS'S POLITICAL  
6   HEROES WROTE IN THE L.A. TIMES THIS WEEK -- LAST WEEK ABOUT  
7   THE HAUNTING PARADOX THAT EXISTS WHERE -- ZEV YAROSLAVSKY I'M  
8   REFERRING TO. WHO IS THIS GUY? HELLO, SIR. IS MISS HAMAI? NO  
9   PROBLEM. IN ANY EVENT, THIS HAUNTING PARADOX HAS TO DO WITH  
10   THE FACT THAT THERE IS MORE WEALTH AMONG A VERY FEW AT THIS  
11   TIME IN AMERICA, AND THERE ARE, OF COURSE, AS WE HEARD TODAY,  
12   MORE HOMELESS AND FEARING HUNGER AND TERRIBLE OUTCOMES NOW  
13   THAN AT ANY TIME. SO, THIS IS THE HAUNTING PARADOX. THERE IS  
14   ALSO SOMETHING THAT SUPERVISOR KNABE AND OTHERS ARE AWARE OF,  
15   WHICH IS THE SPECTACULAR GIVING PLEDGE AMONG THE BILLIONAIRES.  
16   LET'S LEAVE THE MILLIONAIRES ALONE FOR A MINUTE AND TALK ABOUT  
17   THE BILLIONAIRES. THERE HAVE BEEN 139, MAYOR ANTONOVICH,  
18   BILLIONAIRES WHO HAVE GIVEN ALL OF THEIR WEALTH EFFECTIVELY.  
19   IT IS A VERY MOVING TRIBUTE FROM THIS GROUP. THAT AMOUNTS TO  
20   \$365 BILLION, SIR. SO, WE'RE NOT TALKING ABOUT WHAT YOU LIKE  
21   TO REFER TO AS CHUMP CHANGE. WE ARE TALKING ABOUT BIG BUCKS.  
22   AND YET ALL OF THAT HAS BEEN EARMARKED FOR ORGANIZATIONS OTHER  
23   THAN APPARENTLY THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, BECAUSE I HAVE NOT  
24   HEARD ABOUT THEIR COMMITMENT TO HELP WITH THE RAGING HOMELESS  
25   PROBLEM HERE IN OUR MIDST. SO, I WAS WONDERING IF A FIVE-





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1 SIGNATURE LETTER COULD BE APPROVED BY WICKHAM AT SOME POINT  
2 WHEN SHE COMES BACK TO THIS LIST OF 139 MASSIVE DONORS FROM  
3 THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS SAYING "GENTLEFOLK, MEN AND WOMEN WHO  
4 ARE SO WELL OFF AND SO GENEROUS, FRANKLY, WOULD YOU CONSIDER  
5 PROVIDING A SPECIFIC FUND TOGETHER TO PROVIDE WHAT IS NEEDED  
6 WHICH WE CAN BOTTOM LINE IT IMMEDIATELY PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE  
7 HOUSING FOR THIS POPULATION"? MR. ANTONOVICH'S NOTES ABOUT  
8 MENTAL HEALTH ARE WELL NOTED. AND EVERYBODY ELSE ABOUT HOUSING  
9 ARE WORD CONSIDERATION.

10

11 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** NEXT SPEAKER.

12

13 **ERIC PREVEN:** I APPRECIATE YOUR TAKING --

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15 **ARNOLD SACHS:** YES, THANK YOU. GOOD MORNING. ARNOLD SACHS. AND  
16 UNLIKE THE FIRST SPEAKER WHO WORE THREE HATS, I ONLY HAVE TWO  
17 HATS, ONE AS A CONCERNED CITIZEN AND ONE AS A MEMBER OF BOWEL  
18 MOVEMENT L.A. AND I BRING TO THE BOARD'S ATTENTION THREE  
19 DIFFERENT NEWSPAPER ARTICLES. ONE IS FROM 11/25/15 "POLICY  
20 MAKER AND CONCERNED CITIZENS," IN THE L.A. TIMES, DEALS WITH  
21 MIGUEL SANTANA, AND STATES IN THIS ARTICLE THAT "THE CITY IS  
22 SPENDING \$100 MILLION A YEAR WITH LITTLE COORDINATION AND  
23 LIMITED RETURN ON THE INVESTMENT." AND YOU'RE MAKING A \$100  
24 MILLION ONE-TIME INVESTMENT. THEN I WOULD REFER TO THE STORY  
25 4/23/16. "COUNTY/CITY POLLS VARY WIDELY." ON THE L.A. TIMES



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1 AGAIN. STATES IN THIS STORY THAT THE SALES TAX REVENUE THAT  
2 YOU'RE CONSIDERING WOULD RAISE \$764 MILLION. AND THEN I REFER  
3 TO ANOTHER STORY FROM 3/17/16 IN "THE L.A. WATTS TIMES  
4 WEEKENDER" REFERS TO A PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE. IT'S AN AUDIT OF  
5 TWO HALF-CENT SALES TAX THAT METRO HAS RIGHT NOW, PROP A, AND  
6 PROP C. TWO OF THE THREE. PROP A WOULD RAISE -- IT MENTIONS  
7 THAT THE REVENUE IS \$746 MILLION. PROP C SAYS THE REVENUE IS  
8 \$856 MILLION. THERE'S \$100 MILLION DIFFERENCE, AND IT'S IN THE  
9 NEWSPAPER. \$100 MILLION RIGHT THERE. SO, HOW DO YOU GET -- AND  
10 IT DOESN'T EVEN MENTION MEASURE R. SO, WHAT SOURCE OF FUNDING  
11 ARE WE TALKING ABOUT? WE'RE NOT TALKING ABOUT MIKE  
12 ANTONOVICH'S MOTION FROM 1/10/13 REGARDING REDEVELOPMENT FUNDS  
13 IN THE \$450 MILLION ANNUALLY FROM WHAT WAS REDEVELOPMENT TAX  
14 INCREMENTS. AND WE'RE NOT TALKING ABOUT THE ACTION THAT THE  
15 BOARD TOOK ON 3/5/13, THE 75 MILLION COUNTIES ACTION OF  
16 AFFORDABLE HOUSING TRUST FUND. AND WE'RE NOT TALKING ABOUT THE  
17 ACTION FROM 9/14/14, WHERE THE LEGISLATURE APPROVED EMERGENCY  
18 SHELTER TRUST FUND.

19

20 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** TIME'S EXPIRED. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.  
21 NEXT SPEAKER.

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23 **ARNOLD SACHS:** \$5 BILLION A YEAR. SO, WHY MORE MONEY?

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25 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.



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1  
2 **RITA:** SUPERVISORS, GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS RITA. I'M THE  
3 SCIENCE AND POLICY DIRECTOR AT HEAL THE BAY. I'M HAPPY TO BE  
4 HERE TODAY TO SPEAK IN SUPPORT OF THE MOTION BEFORE YOU TODAY.  
5 AT FIRST GLANCE, IT MIGHT NOT SEEM OBVIOUS THAT HEAL THE BAY  
6 WOULD BE HERE SPEAKING ON THIS MEASURE, BUT THE UNFORTUNATE  
7 FACT IS THAT WE ENCOUNTER HOMELESS COMMUNITIES DURING OUR WORK  
8 QUITE FREQUENTLY. IN OUR WORK SAMPLING THE L.A. RIVER AND  
9 DOING OUTREACH AT COMPTON CREEK, FOR EXAMPLE, WE SEE FOLKS  
10 TRYING TO LIVE NEXT TO FLOOD CHANNELS, SOMETIMES EVEN IN STORM  
11 DRAINS. AND OBVIOUSLY THAT'S NOT SAFE. THE THING ABOUT  
12 SAMPLING IN THOSE AREAS IS THAT IT MAKES IT EVEN MORE CLEAR  
13 THAT THOSE AREAS, AS MUCH AS WE LOVE OUR RIVERS, ARE NO PLACE  
14 FOR A HUMAN BEING TO LIVE. THE GOVERNOR IN 2012 PROCLAIMED  
15 WATER A HUMAN RIGHT. WELL, IT'S NOT RIGHT THAT SOMEONE SHOULD  
16 HAVE TO USE AND RELY ON WATER THAT ISN'T FIT TO SWIM IN. WE  
17 HAVE TO DO A BETTER JOB BY THIS COMMUNITY. HAVING TO WALK A  
18 MILE TO USE THE NEAREST FACILITY IS JUST UNACCEPTABLE. THIS IS  
19 AN INCREDIBLY COMPLICATED PROBLEM, AND IT WILL TAKE ALL  
20 SECTORS TOGETHER WORKING TOGETHER TO FIND THE RIGHT SOLUTIONS.  
21 SO, THERE ARE MANY PEOPLE AND ORGANIZATIONS WHO UNDERSTAND  
22 THIS ISSUE AT A MUCH DEEPER LEVEL THAN US, AND YOU'VE HEARD  
23 FROM SOME OF THEM TODAY, BUT WE DO UNDERSTAND THAT A KEY  
24 CHALLENGE TO ADDRESSING THIS PROBLEM IS CONSISTENT RESOURCES.  
25 AND WE BELIEVE THIS MEASURE IS THE FIRST STEP TOWARDS



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1 ADDRESSING THIS CHALLENGE. SO FINALLY, AS A RESIDENT OF L.A.  
2 COUNTY, I'M JUST WANTED TO SAY THAT I'M PROUD TO SEE YOU  
3 TAKING UP THIS ISSUE. BETWEEN PARKS, TRANSPORTATION, AND SOME  
4 OF THE OTHER MEASURES THAT HAVE COME BEFORE YOU, YOU'VE REALLY  
5 BEEN ON A ROLL. AND I HOPE THAT YOU AND THE WHOLE REGION  
6 REALLY SEE THESE NOT AS COMPETING ISSUES BUT ALL CRITICAL  
7 PIECES TO MAKING A BETTER COUNTY. THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE.]

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9 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** NEXT SPEAKER?

10

11 **MIJA RISDEN:** HI. MY NAME IS MIJA RISDEN. I'M WITH CORPORATION  
12 FOR SUPPORTIVE HOUSING. I WANTED TO THANK YOU FOR YOUR  
13 LEADERSHIP IN THE PAST FOR COMMITTING COUNTY DOLLARS TO  
14 SUPPORT THE CREATION OF PERMANENT AND AFFORDABLE HOUSING IN  
15 THE COUNTY. PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING IS AN EVIDENCE-BASED  
16 TOOL THAT EFFECTIVELY ENDS HOMELESSNESS AND IMPROVES THE  
17 HEALTH AND QUALITY OF LIFE FOR THOSE WHO EXPERIENCE  
18 HOMELESSNESS. TODAY PRESENTS A UNIQUE AND CRITICAL OPPORTUNITY  
19 FOR COUNTY LEADERSHIP TO TAKE ACTION TO ADVANCE IDEAS AND  
20 SOLUTIONS THAT WILL TANGIBLY IMPACT THE PRODUCTION OF HOUSING  
21 FOR THE MOST VULNERABLE PEOPLE IN OUR COMMUNITIES. INCREASING  
22 FUNDING AVAILABLE FOR THE CREATION OF SUPPORTIVE HOUSING IN A  
23 SUSTAINABLE WAY IS CRITICAL TO CREATING AND SUSTAINING A  
24 HEALTHY PIPELINE OF HOUSING FOR THOSE EXPERIENCING  
25 HOMELESSNESS. I URGE YOU TO APPROVE THIS MEASURE TO ENABLE THE



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1 COUNTY TO PRESERVE AS MANY OPTIONS AS POSSIBLE AS YOU  
2 DETERMINE THE BEST OPTIONS TO PURSUE IN THE MONTHS TO COME.  
3 THANK YOU.

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5 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SERIES OF SPEAKERS IS  
6 MEREDITH BURKSON, MIKE ALVIDRES, SEAMUS HURLY, JANET KELLY.

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8 **SEAMUS HURLY:** GOOD AFTERNOON, SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS SEAMUS  
9 HURLY. I'M AN VOLUNTEER WITH L.A. VOICE, WHICH REPRESENTS  
10 55,000 FAMILIES ACROSS ALL DISTRICTS. I MYSELF AM A RESIDENT  
11 OF DISTRICT 2. OF THOSE FAMILIES, I'D LIKE TO SAY THAT SOME OF  
12 THEM WOULD VERY DIRECTLY BENEFIT FROM THIS MEASURE. THEY ARE  
13 FAMILIES WHO HAVE STRUGGLED WITH HOMELESSNESS OR CURRENTLY  
14 STRUGGLE WITH HOMELESSNESS. BUT I'D ALSO LIKE TO ADD THAT OF  
15 THOSE 55,000 FAMILIES, SOME OF THEM ARE MILLIONAIRES. SOME OF  
16 THEM ARE MULTI-MILLIONAIRES. AND ON BEHALF OF ALL THE FAMILIES  
17 OF L.A. VOICE, I WOULD LIKE TO SAY PLEASE SUPPORT THIS MOTION  
18 UNANIMOUSLY. [APPLAUSE.]

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20 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, NEXT SPEAKER?

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22 **SPEAKER:** AND I AM THE S.P.A. 7 COORDINATED ENTRY LEAD FOR  
23 SOUTHEAST LOS ANGELES, WHICH INCLUDES PART OF DISTRICT 1 AND  
24 PART OF DISTRICT 4. AND I ALSO RUN THE SOUTH BAY COUNCIL OF  
25 GOVERNMENTS AND GATEWAY CITIES COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS HOMELESS



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1 OUTREACH PROGRAMS FOR P.A.T.H. WE'VE SEEN FIRSTHAND WHAT AN  
2 ONGOING INVESTMENT IN HOMELESSNESS HAS DONE FOR THE SOUTHEAST  
3 LOS ANGELES COMMUNITY. SINCE OUR GATEWAY CITIES C.O.G. PROGRAM  
4 WAS FUNDED BY THE COUNTY IN OCTOBER 2012 WITH SIGNIFICANT  
5 SUPPORT FROM SUPERVISOR KNABE, WE'VE HELPED OVER 1,300 PEOPLE  
6 MOVE OFF THE STREETS AND INTO PERMANENT HOMES. AND WITH  
7 ONGOING RENEWAL FUNDS, WE'VE BEEN ABLE TO PROVIDE THE SERVICES  
8 NECESSARY TO KEEP OVER 90 PERCENT OF THOSE INDIVIDUALS IN  
9 HOUSING. THIS PUBLIC INVESTMENT, PAIRED WITH PRIVATE DOLLARS  
10 INVESTED IN THE COORDINATED ENTRY SYSTEM, HAS ALLOWED US TO  
11 BUILD CAPACITY IN A HISTORICALLY UNDERRESOURCED SOUTHEAST LOS  
12 ANGELES REGION. WE'RE CONFIDENT THAT THIS MOTION WOULD BE A  
13 CRUCIAL STEP TO ENSURE WE'RE ABLE TO SCALE UP SERVICES AND END  
14 HOMELESSNESS THROUGHOUT L.A. COUNTY AND ESPECIALLY IN MORE  
15 UNDERSERVED AREAS LIKE SOUTH LOS ANGELES COUNTY. THANK YOU.

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17 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER?

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19 **JANET KELLY:** GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS JANET KELLY. I'M THE  
20 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF SANCTUARY OF HOPE, AND I'M ALSO HERE  
21 REPRESENTING THE SOUTH LOS ANGELES HOMELESS DAY AND FOSTER  
22 CARE COLLABORATIVE. SANCTUARY OF HOPE PROVIDES HOUSING AND  
23 EDUCATIONAL RESOURCES FOR TRANSITION-AGE YOUTH BETWEEN THE  
24 AGES OF 16 AND 25 IN THE SOUTH L.A. AND SOUTH BAY REGIONS. WE  
25 SERVE ABOUT 350 YOUTH A YEAR, PROVIDING A VARIETY OF SAFETY-



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1 NET SERVICES TO HELP THEM STABILIZE AND GET BACK ON THEIR  
2 FEET. AND WE'VE BEEN VERY FORTUNATE ENOUGH WITH INVESTMENTS TO  
3 MOVE 33 YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULTS INTO PERMANENT HOUSING IN THE  
4 SOUTH L.A. AREA. WE SEE THIS MOTION AS A POSSIBILITY TO EXPAND  
5 THE HOPE AND PROMISE OF HOMELESS YOUTH IN SOUTH L.A. AND THOSE  
6 WITHIN THE SOUTH BAY REGION BY ENGAGING AND SECURING A MEANS  
7 TO AN END TO ADDRESS HOMELESSNESS IN L.A. COUNTY. IT IS OUR  
8 HOPE THAT THE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS WILL SUPPORT  
9 THIS MOTION, AS WE KNOW THAT YOUTH DEVELOPMENT AND HOUSING  
10 SERVICES ARE NECESSARY RESOURCES TO CURB HOMELESSNESS,  
11 ESPECIALLY FOR OUR YOUTH POPULATIONS THAT WE SEE. SO, SEEKING  
12 VOTER APPROVAL ON A TAX ON PERSONAL INCOME ABOVE \$1 MILLION A  
13 YEAR TO GARNER RESOURCES FROM THE WEALTHY IS THE RIGHT AND  
14 MORALLY NECESSARY AND RESPONSIBLE THING TO DO. OUR COUNTY  
15 NEEDS RELIEF, WE NEED THE TOOLS AND RESOURCES TO DO IT, AND WE  
16 NEED TO HAVE THE WEALTHY TO STEP UP AND MAKE THEIR INVESTMENT.  
17 THANK YOU SO MUCH.

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19 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER?

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21 **MIKE:** GOOD AFTERNOON. I'M MIKE, C.E.O. OF THE SKID ROW HOUSING  
22 TRUST, AND I WANT TO COMMEND SUPERVISOR KUEHL AND SUPERVISOR  
23 RIDLEY-THOMAS FOR INTRODUCING THE MOTION, WHICH I'M HAPPY TO  
24 SPEAK IN FAVOR OF. HAVING BEEN SERVING HOMELESS PEOPLE FOR  
25 OVER 25 YEARS, I'VE LEARNED A COUPLE OF THINGS DURING THAT





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1 TIME, AND I'LL JUST TALK ABOUT TWO OF THEM. ONE IS THAT WHEN  
2 WE OPEN UP A NEW BUILDING, THERE ARE MANY MORE PEOPLE WHO  
3 APPLY THAN WHO CAN GET IN. AND SO EVEN TODAY, WE ARE TURNING  
4 PEOPLE AWAY WHO WANT TO END THEIR HOMELESSNESS, WHO WANT TO  
5 REGAIN THEIR LIVES. AND IT'S A VERY SAD SITUATION WHEN YOU  
6 HAVE TO TELL SOMEONE THAT THERE'S NOT ENOUGH HOUSING TO GO  
7 AROUND. NUMBER ONE. NUMBER TWO, I WORK IN THE DOWNTOWN LOS  
8 ANGELES AREA PRIMARILY, AND THE ONE THING THAT IMPAIRS A  
9 HEALTHY, ROBUST, COMMERCIAL AREA IS HOMELESSNESS. IF YOU TALK  
10 TO THE BUSINESS OWNERS IN THE NEIGHBORHOODS THROUGHOUT THE  
11 COMMUNITIES, THEY WILL TELL YOU THAT HOMELESSNESS IS WHAT IS  
12 HURTING THEIR BUSINESSES. AND SO, I THINK THE PASSAGE OF THIS  
13 MEASURE WILL DO A COUPLE OF THINGS. OBVIOUSLY, ONE, IT WILL  
14 CREATE THE OPPORTUNITY FOR MORE PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING,  
15 WHICH WE KNOW WHAT WORKS. SECONDARILY, IT WILL HELP REDUCE THE  
16 COUNTY'S OWN VERY EXPENSIVE CRISIS COSTS AS LONG AS WE HAVE  
17 PEOPLE LIVING OUT ON OUR STREETS, UNDER OUR BRIDGES THAT CYCLE  
18 THROUGH THE HEALTHCARE SYSTEM, THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM,  
19 COURTS, PROBATION, ON AND ON AND ON. THIS MEASURE WILL PROVIDE  
20 THE HOUSING SO THOSE FOLKS CAN GET OFF THE STREET ONCE AND FOR  
21 ALL, REDUCING COUNTY CRISIS COSTS AND IMPROVING OUR ENTIRE  
22 COMMUNITY. SO, I URGE YOUR SUPPORT TO PASS THIS MEASURE AND  
23 PRESERVE THE OPTION THAT YOU HAVE BEFORE YOU. THANK YOU.  
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1   **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. WE HAVE GREGORY LEWIS,  
2   MARY LEE, DIMITRIOS JONES, BECKY DENNISON.

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4   **MARY LEE:** GOOD AFTERNOON, MADAME PRESIDENT AND SUPERVISOR  
5   MEMBERS. MY NAME IS MARY LEE. I'M A PARENT ADVOCATE WITH  
6   SPECIAL NEEDS NETWORK. I'M ALSO A PARENT OF A SPECIAL-NEEDS  
7   SON WHO IS AN ADULT AND HAS AUTISM. I'VE HEARD TODAY MANY  
8   FOLKS TALKING ABOUT THE VARIOUS CATEGORIES, ALCOHOLICS AND  
9   DRUGS AND WHATEVER, BUT THAT FIFTH CATEGORY, THE SPECIAL  
10   NEEDS, THOSE WHO HAVE DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES, AND THOSE  
11   FAMILIES DO NOT HAVE THE SAME NEEDS. AND HAVING EXPERIENCED  
12   CHRONIC HOMELESSNESS MYSELF, A COLLEGE GRADUATE, BECAUSE OF  
13   THE BURDENS THAT THE SPECIAL-NEEDS FAMILIES HAVE TO FACE IN  
14   TERMS OF NOT BEING ABLE TO PAY BILLS, TO PAY FOR HOUSING,  
15   BECAUSE YOU'RE BURDENED WITH TRYING TO GET THE NECESSARY  
16   MEDICAL HELP FOR YOUR CHILDREN AND ALSO TO TRY TO GET THEM  
17   THROUGH THE ACADEMIC SYSTEM. SO THIS STEP HERE, I APPLAUD  
18   SUPERVISOR MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS AND ALSO SUPERVISOR SHEILA KUEHL  
19   FOR MAKING AN EFFORT TO PUSH FORWARD. THE COUNTS THAT WE'VE  
20   HAD DON'T REALLY MEAN ANYTHING. THE PROBLEM EXISTS, AND IT  
21   WILL EXIST UNTIL WE MAKE SOME EFFORT TO GO FORWARD WITH SOME  
22   TYPE OF RESOURCE. THANK YOU.

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24   **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER?

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1   **DIMITRIOS JONES:** GOOD MORNING, DIMITRIOS JONES, E.D. FOR THE  
2   PEOPLE OF CHANGE. AS AN L.A. COUNTY RESIDENT, I AM IN SUPPORT  
3   OF THE MOTION. THE OVERALL DECREASE IN HOMELESS VETERANS AND  
4   HOMELESS FAMILIES DEMONSTRATE THAT TARGETED INVESTMENTS IN  
5   PROGRAMS THAT SERVE THESE POPULATIONS ARE WORKING. I ASK THAT  
6   YOU TAKE INTO CONSIDERATION ITEM NO. 10 SO THAT IT WILL ALLOW  
7   THE CONTINUED SUPPORT AND COMBAT OF HOMELESSNESS IN THIS  
8   COUNTY. THANK YOU.

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10   **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER?

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12   **GREG LOUIS:** HI, MY NAME IS GREG LEWIS. I AM A COMMUNITY  
13   ORGANIZER WITH THE LOS ANGELES BLACK WORKERS CENTER. WE'RE  
14   LOCATED IN THE SECOND DISTRICT. THE L.A. BLACK WORKERS CENTER  
15   IS A GRASSROOTS ADVOCACY AND RESEARCH CENTER FOCUSING ON  
16   ADDRESSING THE BLACK JOBS CRISIS. WE KNOW THE ECONOMY IS BAD  
17   FOR MANY IN THE COUNTY. HOWEVER, WE KNOW THAT NEARLY 50  
18   PERCENT OF BLACK FOLKS WHO ARE WORKING AGE ADULTS ARE EITHER  
19   UNEMPLOYED OR WORKING AT LOW-WAGE JOBS. AT THE SAME TIME,  
20   BLACK FOLKS IN L.A. COUNTY ONLY MAKE UP 10 PERCENT OF THE  
21   COUNTY'S POPULATION. YET WE ARE 40 PERCENT OF THE COUNTY'S  
22   HOMELESS INDIVIDUALS. THESE PAINFUL DISPARITIES UNDERMINE OUR  
23   FAMILIES, UNDERMINE OUR COMMUNITIES, UNDERMINE L.A. COUNTY AS  
24   A WHOLE. AND THE FIRST STEP TOWARDS HUMAN DIGNITY AND QUALITY  
25   IS HAVING AN ADDRESS AND HAVING A PLACE TO LIVE. WE APPLAUD



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1 SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS AND KUEHL FOR YOUR EFFORTS TO HELP  
2 STOP THE SUFFERING WITH THIS INITIATIVE THAT INSURES A FAIR  
3 SHARE APPROACH TO ADDRESSING HOMELESSNESS IN OUR REGION. THANK  
4 YOU VERY MUCH, AND TOGETHER WE CAN ALL MAKE A DIFFERENCE.

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6 **BECKY DENNISON:** HELLO, I'M BECKY DENNISON. I WORK FOR VENICE  
7 COMMUNITY HOUSING, AND ALSO AS A RESIDENT OF DISTRICT 2 AND  
8 SOMEONE WHO WORKS IN DISTRICT 2 AND 3, I'M ALSO VERY  
9 ENCOURAGED BY THE LEADERSHIP OF THE SUPERVISORS IN BRINGING  
10 FORWARD THIS MOTION. VENICE COMMUNITY HOUSING OWNS AND  
11 OPERATES PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING AND OTHER LOW-INCOME  
12 HOUSING AS WELL AS A BRIDGE PROGRAM FOR HOMELESS FAMILIES. AND  
13 WE, TOO, TURN AWAY FAR MORE PEOPLE EVERY SINGLE DAY THAN WE  
14 COULD EVER SERVE. WE SIMPLY NEED MORE FUNDS THAN WE HAVE NOW  
15 FROM AS MANY APPROPRIATE SOURCES AS POSSIBLE. AND WE BELIEVE  
16 THAT A PROGRESSIVE INCOME TAX IS AN EFFECTIVE AND FAIR  
17 POTENTIAL LONG-TERM FUNDING STREAM. IT'S REALLY EARLY IN THIS  
18 PROCESS. WE ARE COMMITTED TO FINISHING IT ALL THE WAY THROUGH  
19 TO HOPEFULLY IN NOVEMBER AND HAVING FUNDS ON THE TABLE. BUT  
20 JUST WANT TO SAY FOR THOSE OF YOU WHO HAVE SOME HESITATION,  
21 TAKE THE STEP TODAY TO GIVE US THE OPPORTUNITY TO DO THAT.  
22 THIS ISSUE HAS URGENCY. IT HAS URGENCY FOR THE FOLKS LIVING ON  
23 OUR STREETS AND SIDEWALKS. AND IF THERE'S AN URGENCY WITH THE  
24 VOTERS, WE DON'T KNOW HOW LONG THE VOTERS WILL BE IN FAVOR OF  
25 INITIATIVES LIKE THIS, AND WE NEED TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF IT



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1 WHILE WE CAN. SO THERE MAY BE A LOT OF THINGS TO WORK OUT  
2 BETWEEN TODAY'S VOTE, HOPEFULLY IN PASSING THIS INITIATIVE,  
3 AND MAKING A DECISION ON A BALLOT INITIATIVE. I WANT TO THROW  
4 IN ONE OTHER PIECE, WHICH IS I REALLY HOPE EVERY TIME A NEW  
5 FUNDING STREAM IS ON THE TABLE THAT THERE'S A LOOK AT  
6 DEDICATING THOSE RESOURCES TO INCREASING THE SUPPLY OF  
7 PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING, WHETHER THAT BE THROUGH THE  
8 RENTAL SUBSIDY, THE SERVICES, OR THE CAPITAL. WE CAN'T  
9 CONTINUE TO USE TENANT-BASED AND INDIVIDUALLY-BASED RESOURCES  
10 AND MAKE A REAL IMPACT ON HOMELESSNESS. AND I DON'T WANT US TO  
11 LOSE THE SUPPORT OF THE VOTERS BY NOT MAKING REAL PROGRESS. SO  
12 I REALLY HOPE THAT DOESN'T HAVE TO BE THROUGH LEGISLATION, IT  
13 CAN BE THROUGH YOUR OWN INITIATIVES THAT THE INCREASE OF THE  
14 SUPPLY OF PERMANENT HOUSING IS PRIORITIZED EVERY SINGLE TIME  
15 WE HAVE NEW DOLLARS ON THE TABLE. BUT AGAIN, WE SUPPORT THE  
16 INITIATIVE TODAY. WE HOPE YOU'LL GIVE L.A. COUNTY THIS  
17 OPPORTUNITY. AND WE WILL SUPPORT YOU ONGOING IF THIS DOES PASS  
18 IN ENSURING WE HAVE THIS FUNDING STREAM INTO L.A. COUNTY.  
19 THANK YOU.

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21 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** OKAY. WE HAVE A SERIES OF OTHER  
22 SPEAKERS. ERIC PARIS, LISA PAYNE, AND JULIE KATZ, JOSEPH  
23 MAIZLISH.

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1   **ERIC:** GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS ERIC. CAN I START? GOOD  
2   AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS ERIC. I'M WITH THE LOS ANGELES COMMUNITY  
3   ACTION NETWORK. I'M HERE TO UNDERSCORE ONE OF THE POINTS THAT  
4   MR. ANSELL MADE, WHICH I THINK IS THE CRITICAL THING WE SHOULD  
5   UPLIFT AND ALSO WHAT I READ IN AGENDA, WHICH IS TODAY'S VOTE  
6   IS ABOUT KEEPING THE OPTION OPEN FOR LATER. I REALLY LOOK  
7   FORWARD TO THIS SPIRITED DISCUSSION. I KNOW RAISING TAXES IS  
8   ALWAYS GOING TO BE SOMETHING THAT DIVIDES THIS ROOM. BUT I DO  
9   THINK THAT WE SHOULD AT LEAST KEEP THE OPTION UP TO DIGEST THE  
10  NUMBERS THAT MAY OR MAY NOT COME UP LATER THAT WE WOULD HAVE  
11  BEEN PLEASED TO DO. BUT IT IS VERY CRITICAL TO DISTINGUISH  
12  THAT THIS IS NOT ABOUT VOTING FOR A MILLION- DOLLARS TAX. THIS  
13  IS ABOUT KEEPING THE OPTION OPEN, KEEPING THE DEBATE GOING.  
14  AND I WILL ALSO SAY QUITE CONFIDENTLY, SPOILER ALERT, I'M  
15  GOING TO COME, ALONG WITH MY ALLIES, TO SUPPORT THAT  
16  MILLIONAIRES' TAX. AND WHAT WE WILL SAY IS, WHILE SOME VOTERS  
17  MIGHT NOT ALWAYS ALIGN WITH OUR PERSPECTIVE, THE POLLING SHOWS  
18  THAT THEY ARE WILLING TO NOT ONLY NAME THIS AS THEIR MOST  
19  IMPORTANT ISSUE BUT TO PUT THEIR MONEY WHERE THEIR MOUTH IS  
20  AND TO START ACTUALLY TAKING THIS PROBLEM ON ONCE AND FOR ALL  
21  IN A SUSTAINABLE WAY. WE HAVE UNPRECEDENTED POLITICAL CAPITAL,  
22  POLITICAL WILL ON THE PART OF THE SUPERVISORS, IT SEEMS LIKE,  
23  ON THE PART OF VOTERS, ON THE PART OF THE ADVOCACY COMMUNITY,  
24  ON THE SUPERVISORS, ON THE PART OF THE CITY. WE CAN KEEP GOING  
25  ON AND ON. THIS IS OUR MOMENT TO MAKE THIS HAPPEN. AND SO AT



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1 THE VERY LEAST, WE SHOULDN'T BE SHUTTING THE DOOR TO THE IDEA  
2 THAT WE CAN DO THIS IN THE COMING WEEKS AND COMING MONTHS. AND  
3 WHEN I DO COME IN SUPPORT OF THIS MILLIONAIRES' TAX, I WILL  
4 ALSO SAY SOMETHING ABOUT THE HOMELESS COUNT NUMBERS. THEY'RE  
5 GOING UP. BUT IT ALSO SHOWS THAT IT'S GOING DOWN WHEN WE PUT  
6 RESOURCES WHERE THEY MATTER, VETERAN HOMELESSNESS AND FAMILY  
7 HOMELESSNESS. SO WE PUT THE MONEY WHERE WE THINK IT'S  
8 EFFECTIVE AND WE APPLY IT TO OUR PLAN AND NUMBERS GO DOWN. I  
9 WILL ALSO LASTLY SAY AS SOMEONE WHO WORKS IN THE SKID ROW  
10 COMMUNITY EVERY DAY THAT IT IS SOMEWHAT DISINGENUOUS TO  
11 SUGGEST THAT PEOPLE ARE DRUG ADDICTS AND MENTALLY ILL. LESS  
12 THAN 30 PERCENT OF FOLKS ARE MENTALLY ILL. ACCORDING TO THE  
13 LATEST HOMELESS COUNT, LESS THAN 25 PERCENT ADDICTED TO  
14 SUBSTANCE ABUSE. THESE ARE ABOUT FAMILIES AND ABOUT PEOPLE WHO  
15 DESERVE THE SAME OPPORTUNITIES THAT PEOPLE IN THIS ROOM HAVE,  
16 WHICH IS TO HAVE A ROOF OVER THEIR HEAD. THANK YOU.

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18 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** GO AHEAD, MA'AM.

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20 **LISA PAYNE:** HI. I'M LISA PAYNE. I'M THE POLICY DIRECTOR AT THE  
21 SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF NONPROFIT HOUSING. AND AS  
22 MANY HAVE SAID, I AM PERSONALLY THANKFUL AND HOPEFUL TO SEE  
23 THE THOUGHT AND PLANNING THAT THIS BOARD IS PUTTING INTO  
24 MAKING THE KIND OF INVESTMENT IT WOULD TAKE TO END  
25 HOMELESSNESS. IT'S OBVIOUSLY A HORRIFIC CRISIS IN OUR COUNTY,





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1 WHERE MORE PEOPLE IN THE COUNTY ARE HOMELESS THAN ARE IN MANY  
2 OF THE CITIES IN THE COUNTY. AND AS SUPERVISOR KUEHL  
3 ACKNOWLEDGED, THIS KIND OF CRISIS DID NOT JUST HAPPEN  
4 OVERNIGHT. IT'S NOT JUST THE COUNTY'S FAULT. THIS IS DECADES  
5 OF DISINVESTMENT BY THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT AS WELL AS THE  
6 STATE GOVERNMENT AND THE LOSS OF REDEVELOPMENT ALSO. BUT I AM  
7 PERSONALLY VERY GRATIFIED TO SEE THAT THE BOARD IS CONSIDERING  
8 SEIZING THIS MOMENT TO REALLY TAKE THE LEADERSHIP, TO DO WHAT  
9 IT WOULD TAKE TO START TURNING THE SHIP AROUND. AND WE KNOW IT  
10 WILL BE A LONG INVESTMENT. WE KNOW IT WON'T HAPPEN OVERNIGHT.  
11 BUT I AM VERY -- I AM PERSONALLY GRATIFIED THAT THIS IS WITHIN  
12 OUR REACH AND THAT WE ARE CONSIDERING DOING IT. I'M ALSO  
13 PERSONALLY THANKFUL THAT THERE IS A CONSIDERATION OF ALL THE  
14 ISSUES ON THE TABLE THAT IF ARE NEEDED TO MAKE A COUNTY A  
15 PLACE FOR RESIDENTS TO LIVE IN. THE PARKS ARE ALSO IMPORTANT.  
16 TRANSPORTATION IS ALSO IMPORTANT. THE STATE SCHOOLS MEASURE IS  
17 ALSO IMPORTANT. AND I'M GRATIFUED THAT NOT ONLY IS THE  
18 LEADERSHIP OF THE COUNTY IS CONCERNED ABOUT ALL OF THOSE, BUT  
19 ALSO IT APPEARS THE RESIDENTS ARE, AS WELL, AND ARE READY TO  
20 MAKE THE INVESTMENT THIS YEAR. SO, I HOPE WE CAN MOVE FORWARD  
21 AND, AS THE PREVIOUS SPEAKER SAID, KEEP THE OPTIONS OPEN AND  
22 SEE HOW WE CAN DO IT ALL. THANK YOU.

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24 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER.

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1 **ANJULI KRONHEIM KATZ:** GOOD AFTERNOON. I'M ANJULI KRONHEIM  
2 KATZ, THE REGIONAL ORGANIZER WITH BEND THE ARC, A JEWISH  
3 PARTNERSHIP FOR JUSTICE IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA. WE ORGANIZE  
4 THE JEWISH COMMUNITY AROUND PROGRESSIVE DOMESTIC CAMPAIGNS  
5 THAT MANIFEST DIFFERENTLY IN DIFFERENT PARTS OF THE COUNTRY.  
6 IN LOS ANGELES, WE HAVE TWO CORE TEAMS WORKING ON THESE  
7 ISSUES, ONE FOCUSED ON CRIMINAL JUSTICE REFORM AND ONE THAT  
8 RECENTLY DECIDED TO FOCUS ON HOUSING AND HOMELESSNESS. SO  
9 THAT'S WHY I'M HERE TODAY. WE REALLY WANT TO SUPPORT YOUR  
10 DIRECTION TO ASK THE COUNTY C.E.O. TO SEEK A CHANGE IN THE  
11 STATE LAW TO ALLOW THE COUNTY TO PURSUE THIS POTENTIAL BALLOT  
12 MEASURE TO RAISE FUNDS TO ADDRESS THE HOMELESSNESS CRISIS IN  
13 L.A. COUNTY. I'VE BEEN AN ORGANIZER AND INTO POLITICS FOR A  
14 WHILE, AND THOSE KINDS OF POLLING NUMBERS THAT WE LEARNED  
15 ABOUT TODAY ARE NOT TYPICAL TO MOST ISSUES. SO, TO SEE THAT  
16 KIND OF SUPPORT REALLY SHOWS ME THAT THIS IS URGENT AND  
17 SOMETHING WE SHOULD TACKLE IMMEDIATELY. AS A JEWISH COMMUNITY,  
18 WE BELIEVE THIS IS NOT JUST A POLICY ISSUE BUT A MORAL ISSUE  
19 IN WHICH EVERY ANGELENO HAS A STAKE. AND I REALLY WANT TO  
20 THANK YOU ALL FOR YOUR LEADERSHIP ON THIS, AND WE LOOK FORWARD  
21 TO WORKING WITH YOU ON THIS POTENTIAL BALLOT MEASURE AND OTHER  
22 HOUSING AND HOMELESSNESS ISSUES MOVING FORWARD.

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24 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER?



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1   **JOE MAIZLISH:** YES, GOOD AFTERNOON. JOE MAIZLISH, MARRIAGE AND  
2   FAMILY THERAPIST WITH A SPECIALTY IN STRESS. AND, AS YOU SEE,  
3   I WILL BRING THAT UP AS ONE OF MY POINTS TO TRY TO SELECT A  
4   COUPLE OF THINGS THAT HAVEN'T BEEN MENTIONED. BUT I WANT TO  
5   START BY MENTIONING THAT THE HOUSING MEETING WHERE SECRETARY  
6   CASTRO VISITED, SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS SAID WE ARE LOSING  
7   GROUND. AND MAYBE HE THOUGHT WE WERE TALKING ONLY  
8   METAPHORICALLY, BUT YOU WERE ALSO SPEAKING ALSO PHYSICALLY.  
9   AND I SEE FROM THE NOD THAT YOU RECOGNIZE THAT, TOO. SO THAT  
10   MEANS IT'S AS A MATTER OF TIME. AS THE TIME GOES ON, HARM IS  
11   BEING DONE EVERY DAY, INDIVIDUALS, PARTICULARLY TO CHILDREN.  
12   THIS IS ONE OF THE ADVERSE CHILDHOOD EXPERIENCES THAT LEADS TO  
13   ALL KINDS OF DIFFICULT OUTCOMES LATER IN PEOPLE'S LIVES. YES,  
14   IT'S BARREN OF DETAILS. THAT'S GOING TO BE WORKED OUT IN THE  
15   PROCESS OF GAINING LEGISLATIVE SUPPORT AND IN GAINING THE  
16   SUPPORT OF THE OTHER COUNTIES. THIS IS WRITTEN, BY THE WAY,  
17   EVERY COUNTY WILL BE EMPOWERED. WE OUGHT TO HAVE 58 PROPONENTS  
18   OF THIS LOBBYING THEIR LEGISLATORS. BUT THAT WILL HAVE TO BE  
19   THEN FLESHED OUT WITH DETAILS AS TIME GOES ON AND AS IT  
20   BECOMES A BALLOT MEASURE. HIGH UNEMPLOYMENT? HIGH NEED FOR  
21   HOUSING? HEY, PUT THAT TOGETHER. WHAT YOU NEED IS MONEY. NOT  
22   EVERY UNEMPLOYED PERSON WILL BECOME A HOUSING CONSTRUCTOR, BUT  
23   THAT'S ANOTHER POINT. TWO MORE THINGS, THOUGH. THE STRESS  
24   AFFECTS NOT ONLY THOSE WHO ARE HOMELESS. BUT AS SUPERVISOR  
25   YAROSLAVSKY, ACTUALLY FORMER SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY'S LUSKIN



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1 INSTITUTE CAME OUT WITH A STUDY, UP TO 30 PERCENT OR MORE OF  
2 PEOPLE IN MANY COMMUNITIES FEEL HOUSING INSECURITY IN THE LAST  
3 YEAR. AND THAT'S THE ONES WHO ADMIT IT. WHAT HAPPENS TO A  
4 COMMUNITY WHEN A HIGH PERCENT OF PEOPLE ARE ANXIOUS ABOUT  
5 SOMETHING AS BASIC AS HOUSING? IT'S A DISASTER. TO TAKE HOLD  
6 OF SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH'S CONCERN AND OBJECTION ABOUT MAKING  
7 THE COUNTY ATTRACTIVE TO OTHERS, WHAT IS MORE ATTRACTIVE TO  
8 PEOPLE THAN LIVING IN A CARING COMMUNITY WHERE THERE'S A  
9 STRONG SAFETY NET, WHERE NO MATTER WHAT YOUR INCOME IS, YOUR  
10 FELLOWS, YOUR ASSOCIATES IN THE COUNTY CAN THRIVE AND YOU KNOW  
11 THAT THEY CAN THRIVE. THAT'S A MATTER OF PRIDE AND IT'S AN  
12 ATTRACTION FOR PEOPLE TO COME TO THE COUNTY.

13  
14 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. WE HAVE ANOTHER SERIES OF  
15 SPEAKERS: KATIE HILL, TOMMY NEWMAN, GREG SPIEGEL, ELISA TONG.

16  
17 **TOMMY NEWMAN:** GOOD AFTERNOON, SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS TOMMY  
18 NEWMAN. I'M HERE ON BEHALF OF L.A. FAMILY HOUSING, THE S.P.A.  
19 2 COORDINATOR FOR INDIVIDUALS AND FAMILIES, ALSO THE LARGEST  
20 AFFORDABLE HOUSING DEVELOPER BASED IN THE SAN FERNANDO VALLEY.  
21 I'M HERE TO MAKE TWO POINTS. THE FIRST, I THINK WE ALL KNOW,  
22 WE'VE ALL HEARD IT: NOW IS THE MOMENT. IT'S VERY UNUSUAL TO  
23 HAVE 90 PERCENT OF PEOPLE AGREE ON ANYTHING AND 90 PERCENT OF  
24 PEOPLE AGREE THAT THIS CHALLENGE CAN BE REDUCED AND 60 PERCENT  
25 OF PEOPLE AGREE THAT IT CAN BE SOLVED, WHICH IS UNBELIEVABLE.



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1 AND WE BELIEVE IT AND WE KNOW IT AS PROVIDERS, BUT TO HAVE THE  
2 GENERAL PUBLIC WITH US AND ON OUR SIDE IS A MOMENT THAT WE  
3 SHOULDN'T LET PASS. I ALSO THINK IT'S IMPORTANT THAT WE KEEP  
4 THIS TOPIC MOVING TODAY, BUT I'D ENCOURAGE YOU TO MAKE THE  
5 ULTIMATE DECISION ABOUT THE BALLOT MEASURE AS SOON AS YOU CAN.  
6 THE TRUST FOR PUBLIC LAND HAS STARTED AN OUTSIDE ADVOCACY  
7 CAMPAIGN TO SUPPORT THE PARKS MEASURE. AND ALL OF US ARE  
8 ITCHING AND READY TO GO BUT NEED SOMETHING CLEAR TO SUPPORT  
9 AND A CLEAR MESSAGE TO COMMUNICATE. L.A. FAMILY HOUSING HAS  
10 EMBRACED ITS ROLE AS A REGIONAL LEADER, AND SO I'VE BEEN  
11 TRAVELING AROUND IN THE VARIOUS HOMELESS. AND THE SAN FERNANDO  
12 VALLEY COALITION TOOK A POSITION OF SUPPORT OF THE BALLOT  
13 MEASURE. THE WEST SIDE COALITION HAS TAKEN THE POSITION OF  
14 SUPPORT. THE SOUTH L.A. COALITION, WHO IS HERE TODAY, HAS  
15 TAKEN THE POSITION OF SUPPORT. BUT EVERY TIME THEY ASK, WHAT  
16 EXACTLY ARE WE SUPPORTING? AND THEY'RE LOOKING FOR A BALLOT  
17 MEASURE. WE NEED SOMETHING TO RALLY AROUND. AND SO, NOW IS OUR  
18 OPPORTUNITY, AND I THANK YOU ALL FOR YOUR HARD WORK ON THIS  
19 ISSUE.

20

21 **ELSA TUNG:** GOOD AFTERNOON, SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS ELSA TUNG  
22 REPRESENTING THE LOS ANGELES NEIGHBORHOOD LAND TRUST. THE LAND  
23 TRUST CREATES AND ADVOCATES FOR URBAN PARKS, GARDENS AND GREEN  
24 SPACE IN L.A. COUNTY'S LOW-INCOME, PARK-POOR COMMUNITIES OF  
25 COLOR. LAST WEEK WE WERE HERE TO SUPPORT THE POTENTIAL PARKS



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1 MEASURE, WHICH WILL BE BEFORE THE BOARD'S CONSIDERATION IN  
2 JUNE. BUT TODAY THE LAND TRUST IS HERE TO SUPPORT THE MOTION  
3 BY SUPERVISORS RIDLEY-THOMAS AND KUEHL TO TAKE THE NEXT  
4 CRITICAL STEP ON DEVELOPING A MEASURE TO COMBAT THE  
5 HOMELESSNESS CRISIS. AS THE POLLING RESULTS INDICATE, THE  
6 MULTIPLE POTENTIAL MEASURES ON THE BALLOT DO NOT APPEAR TO  
7 COMPROMISE EACH OTHER. INDEED, PARKS, TRANSPORTATION, AND  
8 AFFORDABLE HOUSING AND HOMELESS SERVICES ARE ABSOLUTELY  
9 CRITICAL PUBLIC INFRASTRUCTURE THAT REQUIRE ROBUST, LONG-TERM  
10 PUBLIC INVESTMENT. WE URGE YOUR APPROVAL OF THE MOTION TODAY  
11 TO KEEP ALL FUNDING OPTIONS ON THE TABLE FOR ADDRESSING  
12 HOMELESSNESS. THANK YOU.

13  
14 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** NEXT SPEAKER.

15  
16 **KATIE HILL:** HI. MY NAME IS KATIE HILL. I'M THE EXECUTIVE  
17 DIRECTOR FOR P.A.T.H. WE WORK THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY TO HELP  
18 HOMELESS INDIVIDUALS MOVE INTO AND STAY IN PERMANENT HOUSING.  
19 AND IN OVER 30 YEARS OF OPERATING, WE'VE NEVER SEEN SO MUCH  
20 PUBLIC ATTENTION FOCUSED ON HOMELESSNESS OR THE PUBLIC  
21 SUPPORT, AS INDICATED BY THE POLLING RESULTS, TO IMPLEMENT AND  
22 FUND THE LONG TERM SOLUTION. AS A MAJOR PARTNER THE  
23 COORDINATED EFFORTS TO ADDRESS FAMILY AND VETERAN  
24 HOMELESSNESS, WE HAVE SEEN THE TREMENDOUS IMPACT THAT THE  
25 SMART INVESTMENT OF PUBLIC RESOURCES CAN MAKE. THE REASON



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1 HOMELESSNESS COUNT DATA SUPPORTS WHAT WE ALREADY KNEW. THE  
2 HOMELESS INITIATIVE OUTLINES THE STRATEGIES THAT WILL HAVE THE  
3 BIGGEST IMPACT. THE SYSTEM'S COORDINATION AND EVIDENCE-BASED  
4 PRACTICES ARE IN PLACE WITH STRONG PROVIDERS WHO ARE WORKING  
5 TOGETHER LIKE NEVER BEFORE IN EVERY REGION OF THE COUNTY. THE  
6 PUBLIC IS ASKING FOR ACTION AND IS WILLING TO INVEST. ALL  
7 THAT'S MISSING IS THE LONG-TERM INVESTMENT. THIS MOTION IS THE  
8 NECESSARY STEP TOWARDS PROVIDING THE CRITICAL RESOURCES NEEDED  
9 TO ENSURE OUR ABILITY TO END HOMELESSNESS IN OUR COMMUNITIES,  
10 AND WE URGE YOU TO SUPPORT IT. THANK YOU.

11  
12 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** YES, SIR.

13  
14 **GREG SPIEGEL:** GREG SPIEGEL, INNER CITY LAW CENTER. AND,  
15 SUPERVISOR SOLIS, WE'RE CONSTITUENTS OF THE FIRST DISTRICT. WE  
16 REPRESENT HOMELESS VETERANS AND HOMELESS FAMILIES AND  
17 INDIVIDUALS AND TRY TO GET THEM INTO HOUSING AND TO KEEP THEM  
18 IN HOUSING, MANY OF THEM IN THE FIRST DISTRICT IN BOYLE  
19 HEIGHTS. FIRST, I'D LIKE TO THANK YOU ALL FOR YOUR LEADERSHIP  
20 AND THE COUNTY'S WORK TO PUT US IN A PLACE WHERE WE'VE NEVER  
21 BEEN BEFORE. THIS IS A HISTORIC MOMENT. YOU'VE PASSED  
22 COMPREHENSIVE HOMELESS STRATEGIES. YOU BUILT COLLABORATIONS  
23 ACROSS THE PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SECTOR THAT HAVE NOT EXISTED  
24 BEFORE. AND NOW THERE'S STRONG PUBLIC SUPPORT FOR URGENT AND  
25 BOLD ACTION. THE PEOPLE OF THE COUNTRY WILLING TO PAY TO HOUSE





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1 PEOPLE WHO ARE HOMELESS. THIS HAS NOT HAPPENED BEFORE. WITH  
2 HOMELESS FAMILIES AND VETERANS, WE'VE SEEN THE SUCCESS THAT  
3 COMES WHEN WE INVEST RESOURCES IN HOUSING PEOPLE. NOW IS THE  
4 OPPORTUNITY TO RAISE THE REVENUE, TO BRING YOUR EFFORT TO  
5 SCALE. WE'VE NEVER HAD THIS CHANCE BEFORE, AND I'M WORRIED  
6 THAT WE'RE NOT GOING TO HAVE IT AGAIN IF WE DON'T SEIZE IT.  
7 AND IF WE DON'T SEIZE IT, THE PROBLEM IS GOIGN TO GET WORSE.  
8 WE'RE 500,000 UNITS SHORT OF OUR AFFORDABLE HOUSING NEED IN  
9 THE COUNTY. WE ARE 500,000 UNITS SHORT OF OUR NEED. IF WE  
10 DON'T ACT NOW, WE'VE ONLY SEEN JUST THE TIP OF THE ICEBERG.  
11 THIS IS GOING TO GET MUCH WORSE UNLESS WE ACT NOW. NOW IS THE  
12 CHANCE WE HAVE. WE'RE GOING TO REGRET IT IF WE DON'T TAKE IT.  
13 THANK YOU.

14

15 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** WE HAVE A SERIES OF SPEAKERS: BROOK  
16 WORSESHAPER, HASID HOSINIAN, CHRIS KO, JONATHAN THOMPSON. GO  
17 AHEAD.

18

19 **HASID HOSINIAN:** GOOD AFTERNOON, SUPERVISORS. I'M HASID  
20 HOSINIAN WITH PUBLIC COUNSEL. AS A NOT-FOR-PROFIT LAW FIRM  
21 THAT PROVIDES LEGAL ASSISTANCE TO INDIVIDUALS EXPERIENCING AND  
22 AT RISK OF HOMELESSNESS AS WELL AS NONPROFIT DEVELOPERS OF  
23 AFFORDABLE AND SUPPORTIVE HOUSING, PUBLIC COUNSEL SUPPORTS THE  
24 PROPOSED MOTION TO AMEND STATE LAW TO ALLOW COUNTIES TO SEEK  
25 VOTER APPROVAL FOR LOCAL INCOME TAXES. WE BELIEVE IT IS



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1 CRITICALLY IMPORTANT FOR THE COUNTY TO PRESERVE ALL OPTIONS TO  
2 RAISE REVENUE IN ORDER TO DECREASE HOMELESSNESS WITHIN OUR  
3 COMMUNITY. AND THE MOTION BEFORE YOU WILL PRESERVE THE INCOME  
4 TAX OPTION SHOULD THE COUNTY CHOOSE THIS STRATEGY. AS  
5 UNDERSCORED BY THE 2016 L.A.H.S.A. HOMELESS COUNT FIGURES  
6 WHICH CAME OUT LAST WEEK, THE NEED IS NOW MORE DIRE THAN EVER.  
7 ONE OF THE SILVER LININGS, AS MENTIONED BY ONE OF THE  
8 SUPERVISORS, IN THE HOMELESS COUNT FINDING, IS THE NUMBER OF  
9 HOMELESS VETERANS IN THE COUNTY DECREASED BY 30 PERCENT. THIS  
10 WAS NO DOUBT DUE TO THE TARGETED FUNDING AND EFFORTS TO  
11 DECREASE HOMELESSNESS WITHIN THIS POPULATION. LIKEWISE, A  
12 TARGETED AND CONTINUOUS REVENUE SOURCE WILL ENABLE US TO  
13 ACHIEVE THE GOALS OF THE HISTORIC COMPREHENSIVE HOMELESS PLANS  
14 YOU AND THE CITY ADOPTED ON FEBRUARY 9TH. THIS MOTION IS AN  
15 IMPORTANT STEP TO HELP REALIZE THE RESOURCES NEEDED TO ASSIST  
16 ALL PEOPLE WHO ARE HOMELESS IN THE COUNTY. THANK YOU.

17  
18 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** NEXT SPEAKER?

19  
20 **CHRIS KO:** HI, CHRIS KO, DIRECTOR OF SYSTEMS AND INTEGRATION AT  
21 UNITED WAY OF GREATER LOS ANGELES. THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR  
22 CONSIDERING THIS, AND WE ARE HERE TO VOICE OUR SUPPORT FOR  
23 WHAT THE MOTION SAYS, WHICH IS, AGAIN, TO PRESERVE EVERY  
24 OPTION POSSIBLE. IT'S NOT SUGGESTING THIS IS IT, BUT IT IS  
25 SUGGESTING WE NEED TO MOVE FORWARD QUICKLY TO PRESERVE THIS



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1 OPTION IN PARTICULAR BECAUSE OF ALL THE PROCESSES IT REQUIRES.  
2 WE ALSO THINK SOMETHING NEEDS TO BE DONE, REGARDLESS OF WHAT  
3 IT IS. AND WE SAY THAT IN OPERATING HOME FOR GOOD FOR THE LAST  
4 FIVE YEARS. FOR THE LAST FOUR YEARS, WE SPENT IT TRYING TO  
5 CONVINCE PEOPLE TO CARE ABOUT THIS ISSUE, TO HAVE IT ON THEIR  
6 MINDS. THEY ARE NOW BEGGING US TO DO THE SAME. AND THAT IS  
7 SOMETHING WE HAVE NEVER SEEN BEFORE. TO HAVE HOMELESSNESS  
8 POLLING HIGHER THAN TRAFFIC AND CRIME IN LOS ANGELES IN EVERY  
9 CITY AND COUNTY, PUBLIC, AND PRIVATE POLL WE'VE SEEN LATELY IS  
10 REMARKABLE. AND WE WORRY THAT WAITING FURTHER THAN NOVEMBER  
11 WILL TURN THIS INTO ANGER OR INDIFFERENCE. I'M EXCITED ABOUT  
12 THE ELECTION IN NOVEMBER BECAUSE WE THINK THIS IS A MOMENT  
13 LOCALLY WHERE WE CAN CHANGE EVERY SINGLE STEREOTYPE LOS  
14 ANGELES HAS HAD ABOUT OUR GRIDLOCK, ABOUT OUR URBAN JUNGLES,  
15 OUR CONCRETE JUNGLES, AND OUR HOMELESSNESS REPUTATION. THE  
16 OTHER THING, WE APPRECIATE THE CONCERN OF WHERE THE MONEY  
17 WOULD GO. WE ARE HERE IN CONFIDENCE, BECAUSE WE ARE CONFIDENT  
18 OF WHERE THE MONEY WOULD GO. THE CITY STRATEGIES, THE COUNTY  
19 STRATEGIES THAT HAD UNPRECEDENTED LEVELS OF PARTICIPATION, WE  
20 HAVE A SYSTEM THAT MAKES SURE WE DON'T JUST RELY ON THE  
21 HOMELESS COUNT NOW. WE HAVE A COORDINATED WAY TO MAKE  
22 RESOURCES FLOW TO EVERY COMMUNITY IN THE COUNTY. AND SO, THE  
23 FINAL INGREDIENTS ARE NOW THE PUBLIC AND POLITICAL WILL, THE  
24 PUBLIC INVESTMENTS AND THE POLITICAL WILL TO MAKE IT GO THERE.  
25 AND THE FINAL THING I'LL SAY IS THAT THIS IS NOT SOMETHING



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1 THAT'S JUST NICE TO HAVE. PEOPLE WILL LITERALLY DIE WITHOUT  
2 OUR SUPPORT. I THINK THAT'S SOMETHING WE HAVEN'T UNDERSCORED.  
3 SO, I'M HERE TO SAY I LOOK FORWARD TO CREATING AN L.A. WHERE I  
4 CAN BE PROUD WALKING DOWN THE STREET OR I CAN BE PROUD WALKING  
5 DOWN A SUBWAY OR I CAN BE PROUD WALKING INTO A PARK KNOWING  
6 THAT WE'VE TAKEN CARE OF ALL OF OUR HOMELESS NEIGHBORS. THANK  
7 YOU.

8

9 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** NEXT SPEAKER?

10

11 **JONATHAN THOMPSON:** HI, GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS JONATHAN  
12 THOMPSON, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF GOOD SEED. AS CHAIR OF THE  
13 S.P.A. 6 HOMELESS COALITION AND CO-CHAIR OF THE LOS ANGELES  
14 COALITION TO END YOUTH HOMELESSNESS, WE ARE STRONGLY IN  
15 SUPPORT OF THE PROPOSED MOTION. INCREASINGLY WE ARE ALL SEEING  
16 ENCAMPMENTS AND TENTS THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY AS NEVER BEFORE.  
17 HOMELESS YOUTH, ADULTS, FAMILIES ARE SLEEPING IN PARKS, ON  
18 BUSES, BEHIND BUILDINGS, AND NOW ON PUBLIC SIDEWALKS  
19 THROUGHOUT ALL PARTS OF THE COUNTY. BEFORE, HOMELESSNESS WAS  
20 OUT OF SIGHT AND IN THE SHADOWS. HOWEVER, NOW IT'S IN PLAIN  
21 SIGHT AND THE SHADOWS ARE FULL. AND NOW THOUSANDS OF HOMELESS  
22 YOUTH, ADULTS, AND FAMILIES, ESPECIALLY THOSE WITH MENTAL  
23 ILLNESS, ARE COUNTING ON ALL OF US TO SUPPORT, TO PROVIDE THE  
24 SUPPORT AND RESOURCES NECESSARY TO HELP THEM OBTAIN STABLE  
25 HOUSING AND SUPPORTIVE SERVICES. SERVICE PROVIDERS THROUGHOUT



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1 THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES ARE WILLING TO DO OUR PART. HOWEVER,  
2 WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT TO CREATE THE INFRASTRUCTURE SO PROVIDERS  
3 CAN HAVE THE RESOURCES AND TOOLS REQUIRED TO PROVIDE  
4 COMPREHENSIVE SERVICES. LOS ANGELES COUNTY IS THE WORLD LEADER  
5 IN AEROSPACE, CLEAN TECHNOLOGY, ENTERTAINMENT, FASHION,  
6 HEALTHCARE, AND TOURISM. THIS MOTION TO DIRECT THE C.E.O. TO  
7 PURSUE A BALLOT INITIATIVE WOULD HELP MOVE LOS ANGELES COUNTY  
8 TO ALSO BEING THE WORLD LEADER IN SUCCESSFULLY COMBATING  
9 HOMELESSNESS. THANK YOU.

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11 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. WE HAVE MORE SPEAKERS:  
12 BROOK WARSHAPER, ANGELA SPELL, ANN MISKY, ALEX JOHNSON.

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14 **ANN MISKY:** MADAME CHAIR, SUPERVISORS, THANK YOU FOR YOUR  
15 SUPPORT ON THIS ISSUE. IT IS AMAZING TO SEE ALL THAT HAS BEEN  
16 DONE OVER THE LAST FEW MONTHS. BUT RIGHT NOW WE ARE AT AN  
17 UNPRECEDENTED MOMENT IN TIME. WE CAN EITHER GO FORWARD BOLDLY  
18 AND SOLVE THIS CRISIS IN OUR COUNTY, OR WE CAN SIT BACK IN THE  
19 STATUS QUO, AND NEXT YEAR WE WILL SEE MORE PEOPLE LIVING IN  
20 BOXES, IN TENTS, AND DYING ON OUR STREETS. MY NAME IS ANN  
21 MISKY. I AM C.E.O. OF DOWNTOWN WOMEN'S CENTER, AN AGENCY THAT  
22 SEES AN INCREASING NUMBER OF WOMEN WHO EXPERIENCE HOMELESSNESS  
23 WALKING THROUGH OUR DOORS ON A DAILY BASIS. AND I AM HERE TO  
24 SPEAK STRONGLY IN SUPPORT OF THIS MOTION. IT COMES AT A  
25 CRITICAL TIME. AS HAS BEEN SAID MANY TIMES TODAY, HOMELESSNESS



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1 IS AT THE TOP OF EVERYONE'S MIND. WE ARE SEEING THE MEDIA  
2 COVER THIS DAILY. WE ARE SEEING PEOPLE TALKING ABOUT IT  
3 THROUGHOUT OUR CITY AND COUNTY. WE KNOW THAT IF APPROVED, THE  
4 TAX COULD COVER THE COUNTY'S OWN AMAZING PLAN AND COULD REALLY  
5 PROVIDE HOUSING AND TARGETED SERVICES TOWARDS SPECIFIC  
6 POPULATIONS LIKE OUR YOUTH, LIKE FAMILIES, LIKE WOMEN. AND WE  
7 COULD END HOMELESSNESS FOR THE MORE THAN 46,000 INDIVIDUALS  
8 AND MORE THAN 14,000 WOMEN WHO EXPERIENCE HOMELESSNESS ON A  
9 DAILY BASIS. WE BELIEVE THAT THIS MEASURE DOES HAVE THE  
10 SUPPORT IT NEEDS TO PASS. THE CITIZENS OF THIS COUNTY HAVE  
11 SPOKEN LOUDLY, AND THEY ARE LOOKING TO YOU FOR YOUR LEADERSHIP  
12 IN THIS. THEY ARE LOOKING FOR YOU TO TAKE ACTION ON  
13 HOMELESSNESS. ENOUGH IS ENOUGH IN OUR COUNTY. SO, PLEASE, I  
14 RESPECTFULLY ASK THAT YOU MOVE THIS MOTION FORWARD, THAT YOU  
15 SAY YES TO IT, AND CONTINUE TO SHOW THE PEOPLE OF LOS ANGELES  
16 COUNTY THAT YOU ARE COMMITTED TO ENDING HOMELESSNESS. THANK  
17 YOU.

18

19 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER?

20

21 **ANGELA SPELL:** MY NAME IS ANGELA SPELL, AND I'M PRINCIPAL  
22 CONSULTANT OF STRATEGIST CONSULTING GROUP. AND I JUST WANTED  
23 TO MAKE A STATEMENT IN PARTICULAR ADDRESSING SOMETHING THAT  
24 SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH RAISED ABOUT WHO THE HOMELESS  
25 POPULATIONS ARE IN LOS ANGELES. FIRST OF ALL, I WANT TO THANK



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1 ALL OF THE SUPERVISORS FOR HAVING THIS HEARING AND ACKNOWLEDGE  
2 THE CHAIR AND FOR BRINGING THIS MOTION, SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-  
3 THOMAS AND SUPERVISOR KUEHL. APPRECIATE IT. I JUST WANT TO  
4 TAKE A BIT OF THE LONG VIEW, BECAUSE AS THE PREVIOUS SPEAKER  
5 MENTIONED, I THINK THERE'S AN AREA OF THE HOMELESS POPULATION  
6 THAT IS NOT NECESSARILY RECOGNIZED, AND WE NEED TO RAISE  
7 AWARENESS WITH ABOUT THAT. AND THAT IS IN PARTICULAR  
8 PROFESSIONAL PEOPLE WHO HAVE -- AND BLUE-COLLAR WORKERS WHO  
9 HAVE WORKED ALL OF THEIR LIVES BUT FOUND THEMSELVES, AS A  
10 RESULT OF SOME MISHAPPENSTANCE OR PERHAPS DISABILITY, TO BE  
11 HOMELESS. AND AS THE PREVIOUS SPEAKER MENTIONED, OFTENTIMES  
12 THOSE ARE WOMEN. SO, I WOULD LIKE TO JUST MAKE THE POINT OF  
13 AGREEMENT WITH SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS THAT I'M SURE THE  
14 NUMBERS THAT WE SEE, I MEAN THE WORK I DO IS EVIDENCE-BASED  
15 KIND OF RESEARCH. AND I'M SURE THE NUMBER THAT SUPERVISOR  
16 SOLIS ALSO RAISED IS AN UNDERCOUNT OF WHAT WE ACTUALLY SEE.  
17 THERE ARE WOMEN, FOR EXAMPLE, THAT ARE IN SHELTERS THAT I'M  
18 SURE ARE NOT COUNTED AND MANY OF WHOM ARE DISABLED. AND I AM  
19 ACTUALLY ONE OF THOSE PEOPLE THAT HAVE BEEN HOMELESS BECAUSE  
20 OF A DISABILITY. SO, I JUST WANT TO ENCOURAGE YOU TO TAKE THIS  
21 OPPORTUNITY TO PRESERVE THIS AREA FOR PUBLIC POLICY, PROGRESS  
22 ON THIS MATTER, AS YOU HAVE SO DONE ALREADY, AND TO PASS THIS  
23 MOTION. THANK YOU.

24

25 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER.





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2 **ALEX JOHNSON:** GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS ALEX JOHNSON,  
3 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE CHILDREN'S DEFENSE FUND, CALIFORNIA.  
4 THE CHILDREN'S DEFENSE FUND CALIFORNIA JOINS IN STRONG SUPPORT  
5 OF THE MOTION BY SUPERVISORS RIDLEY-THOMAS AND SHEILA KUEHL TO  
6 PRESERVE THE OPTION. HOMELESSNESS IS AT A CRISIS LEVEL, AND  
7 THE 2016 HOMELESS COUNT DATA MAKES THAT ABUNDANTLY CLEAR. AND  
8 THE CHILDREN'S DEFENSE FUND CALIFORNIA HAS FOCUSED ON THE  
9 ISSUE OF ENDING CHILD POVERTY. WE TOO OFTEN FORGET THAT THOSE  
10 WHO ARE INVISIBLE AND HIDING IN THE SHADOWS ARE OFTEN CHILDREN  
11 WHO ARE HOMELESS. ACCORDING TO THE U.S. CENSUS BUREAU  
12 SUPPLEMENTAL POVERTY MEASURE, WHICH ADJUSTS FOR COST OF  
13 LIVING, CALIFORNIA HAS THE HIGHEST POVERTY RATE OF 23.4  
14 PERCENT AND THE HIGHEST CHILD POVERTY RATE OF 24.8 PERCENT. WE  
15 HAVE OVER 9.1 MILLION CHILDREN IN CALIFORNIA OUT OF 39 MILLION  
16 RESIDENTS, AND 73 PERCENT ARE NON-WHITE WHO ARE LIVING IN  
17 POVERTY. 1 IN 10 CHILDREN LIVE IN DEEP POVERTY IN CALIFORNIA,  
18 WHICH MEANS A FAMILY OF 3 IS MAKING LESS THAN \$10,000 A YEAR.  
19 526,000 HOMELESS CHILDREN IN THE COUNTRY LIVE IN CALIFORNIA.  
20 IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY, ALMOST 55,000 STUDENTS ARE HOMELESS,  
21 THE HIGHEST NUMBERS IN GRADES KINDERGARTEN THROUGH SIXTH  
22 GRADE. THE LARGEST SCHOOL DISTRICT, L.A.U.S.D., REPORTS THAT  
23 OVER 13,000 HOMELESS STUDENTS ARE RECEIVING AN EDUCATION IN  
24 L.A.U.S.D. AND THAT NUMBER MAY BE EVEN HIGHER, GIVEN THAT THAT  
25 DATA IS SELF-REPORTED. WE KNOW IT WORKS TO SIGNIFICANTLY



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1 REDUCE HOMELESSNESS IN THIS COUNTY, ENDING POVERTY, SUCH AS  
2 REPEALING THE MAXIMUM FAMILY GRANT RULE IN CALWORKS AND THE  
3 LACK OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING. WE HAVE A MORAL OBLIGATION TO  
4 IMPROVE THE QUALITY OF LIFE OF THOSE WHO ARE HOMELESS,  
5 SLEEPING IN SHELTERS AND CARS AND HOTELS OR DOUBLED UP ON A  
6 COUCH. INNUMERABLE INDIVIDUALS ARE JUST ONE PAYCHECK, ONE  
7 ILLNESS, ONE FAMILY CRISIS AWAY FROM HOMELESSNESS. AND SO I  
8 URGE STRONG SUPPORT OF THIS MOTION TO PRESERVE THE OPTION.  
9 LET'S NOT MISS THIS OPPORTUNITY TO STOP THE WORSENING OF THIS  
10 ISSUE. THANK YOU.

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12 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. WE HAVE ERNEST SAVAGE, KIM  
13 ALEXANDER, OSCAR MOHAMMED, REBA STEVENS.

14

15 **ERNEST SAVAGE:** HI, MY NAME IS ERNEST SAVAGE, AND I'M A  
16 DOCUMENTARY FILMMAKER. THERE'S BEEN SUCH GREAT TESTIMONY  
17 TODAY. I'M NOT SURE HOW MUCH I COULD ADD, BUT I WANTED TO BE  
18 HERE FOR THIS HISTORIC MOMENT. I FIRST STARTED PROTESTING  
19 AGAINST THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, OR AS I LIKE TO CALL YOU,  
20 THE BOSS, ALMOST 20 YEARS AGO. JUST BEFORE THAT, THE BOSS  
21 REDUCED GENERAL RELIEF FROM \$384 A MONTH TO \$221 A MONTH. THAT  
22 REDUCTION WAS A DEVASTATING BLOW TO SINGLE-ROOM OCCUPANCY  
23 HOTELS IN PLACES LIKE SKID ROW. THOSE HOTELS DEPENDED ON THAT  
24 MONEY FOR THEIR MEAGER OPERATING COSTS. OVER THE YEARS,  
25 THOUSANDS OF OUR MOST VULNERABLE CITIZENS LOST ACCESS TO THE



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1 VERY FIRST RUNG OF L.A.'S SAFETY NET AND ENTERED OR REENTERED  
2 HOMELESSNESS. THE BOSS WAS VERY DIFFERENT THEN. I'M SO  
3 ENERGIZED BY THIS NEW COMPOSITION AND BY THE CHANGE OF HEART  
4 OF OUR ELECTORATE. I RECENTLY SPOKE WITH JAMES BONNER, THE  
5 FORMER EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE SKID ROW HOUSING TRUST. MR.  
6 BONNER HAS DESIGNED AND/OR BUILT THOUSANDS OF PERMANENT  
7 SUPPORTIVE HOUSING UNITS HERE IN LOS ANGELES. HE IS CONVINCED  
8 L.A. COULD SOLVE ITS HOMELESS PROBLEM WITH A BILLION DOLLARS A  
9 YEAR. I THINK WE CAN DEFINITELY HOUSE EVERYONE CURRENTLY ON  
10 THE STREET AND THOSE FALLING INTO HOMELESSNESS IN THE NEAR  
11 FUTURE WITH THESE INITIATIVES. EVENTUALLY WE HAVE TO FIGHT AT  
12 THE NATIONAL LEVEL FOR STRUCTURAL CHANGES IN OUR ECONOMY AND  
13 SOCIAL POLICIES AND THE SPLIT ROW OF PROP. 13 AT THE STATE  
14 LEVEL TO REBUILD OUR STATE AND LOCAL INFRASTRUCTURE. WITHOUT  
15 ACCESS TO GOOD JOBS, FIRST AND FOREMOST, AND GOOD SCHOOLS,  
16 PREVENTATIVE HEALTHCARE, AND OTHER SOCIAL SERVICES, OUR  
17 SOCIETY WILL CONTINUE TO PUSH PEOPLE INTO HOMELESSNESS. I'VE  
18 BEEN DOCUMENTING THE STRUCTURAL FACTORS THAT CAUSE  
19 HOMELESSNESS IN LOS ANGELES FOR OVER A DECADE. I CAN'T THINK  
20 OF A BETTER WAY TO END THIS SERIES THAN TO SHOW THESE  
21 INITIATIVES WINNING AND TO SHOW THE LEADERSHIP OF LOS ANGELES  
22 COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. I'LL DO EVERYTHING I CAN TO HELP  
23 THESE INITIATIVES PASS. IN ALMOST EVERY MEASURE OF OUR  
24 HUMANITY, THE UNITED STATES CURRENTLY RANKS AS BARBARIC  
25 COMPARED TO MOST ADVANCED INDUSTRIAL NATIONS. LEAVING PEOPLE



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1 WHO ARE MENTALLY ILL ON THE STREETS WITH NO OPTIONS ONLY  
2 CEMENTS OUR REPUTATION. LET'S DITCH OUR LONG-DESERVED TITLE OF  
3 HOMELESS CAPITAL OF AMERICA. LET'S JOIN NEW YORK..

4

5 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, SIR.

6

7 **ERNEST SAVAGE:** ..AND LEAD THIS NATION INTO A MORAL  
8 TRANSFORMATION THAT UNEQUIVOCALLY DEMANDS THAT EVERY CHILD OF  
9 GOD BE TREATED AS SUCH AND THAT EVERY HUMAN BEING HAS A HOME.

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11 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU.

12

13 **KIM ALEXANDER:** GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS KIM ALEXANDER AND I  
14 WORK WITH MISS CRAFT IN THE AVALON GARDENS COMMUNITY GARDENS  
15 ASSOCIATION AND WE IN OUR COMMUNITY DEFINITELY SUPPORT ITEM  
16 NO. 10. IT'S MANY, MANY LEVELS AND THERE ARE SEVERAL THAT I  
17 HAVEN'T HEARD TODAY, SO I'LL TRY TO MAKE THIS BRIEF. THERE'S  
18 TWO THAT I DRIVE THROUGH EVERY DAY WHEN I TAKE MY DAUGHTER TO  
19 SCHOOL. I'M A RESIDENT OF SOUTH L.A., AND THERE ARE THOSE THAT  
20 LIVE IN TRAILERS AND/OR CAMPERS THAT LIFE DOES WHATEVER, YOUR  
21 401(K), REAL ESTATE, WE COULD GO ON AND ON. THAT'S ANOTHER  
22 CHAPTER. BUT YOU GET OUT OF YOUR CAMPER, YOU GET IN YOUR CAR,  
23 AND YOU GO TO YOUR JOB. AND THAT'S OBVIOUSLY STILL A JOB NOT  
24 PAYING ENOUGH TO MAINTAIN A HOME, WHICH IS ANOTHER  
25 CONVERSATION. AND, AGAIN, THERE ARE THOSE FAMILIES THAT HAVE



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1 TENT HOMES AT SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA EDISON, AND WE CONTACTED  
2 THEM ASKING THEM TO MOVE, BECAUSE THAT'S NOT A GOOD SIGHT TO  
3 LOOK AT WHEN YOU'RE GOING SCHOOL, OR SEEING FAMILIES TENTING  
4 ON THE BUS STOPS. I DIDN'T KNOW THAT WAS LEGAL. THAT'S ANOTHER  
5 CONVERSATION. I CANNOT EMPHASIZE HOW IMPORTANT IT IS. PLEASE  
6 DON'T TAKE THIS OFF THE TABLE. I KNOW THESE NUMBERS ARE VERY  
7 OFF. AS I SAY, I'M A RESIDENT. I WANT MY COMMUNITY TO THRIVE  
8 AND BE WONDERFUL. AND I HAVE TO SAY FOR -- AND I DON'T SEE  
9 SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH, BUT MAYBE CALIFORNIA CAN OFFER A  
10 BUSINESS TAX LIKE NEW YORK AND THEY WON'T GO TO ATLANTA OR  
11 DALLAS. I MEAN, YOU GOT TO MAKE IT FUZZY FOR THE BUSINESSMEN,  
12 TOO, BECAUSE IT'S ALL ABOUT PROFIT. SO, AGAIN, I TOTALLY  
13 SUPPORT YOU. OUR COMMUNITY SUPPORTS YOU. WE THANK YOU FOR IT.  
14 I'M LOOKING FORWARD TO WORKING WITH YOU ON IT IN MY  
15 NEIGHBORHOOD, BECAUSE I WANT IT TO LOOK NICE AND TO THRIVE.  
16 THANK YOU.

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18 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** NEXT SPEAKER? OSCAR MOHAMMED?

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20 **OSCAR MOHAMMED:** OH, YES. MY NAME IS OSCAR MOHAMMED. I SPEAK  
21 FOR THE OPPRESSED, I SPEAK FOR THE STRUGGLING POOR, AND I  
22 SPEAK FOR CULTURE CHANGE. BUT WE LOOK IN HISTORY, WE SEE UNDER  
23 CAPITALISM, A LOT OF TECHNOLOGY WAS INVENTED. AND A LOT OF  
24 TECHNOLOGY MOVED THE MANUAL LABOR AND THE MANUAL LABOR  
25 WORKERS, PEOPLE LOST THEIR JOBS BY THE MILLIONS. BUT, ANYWAY,



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1 WE SHOULD TRY TO FIND -- WE SHOULD CHANGE THE LEGAL SYSTEM TO  
2 COMBAT HOMELESSNESS TO BRING JOBS FOR DIGNITY. THERE IS NO  
3 DIGNITY SLEEPING ON A SIDEWALK. WE HAVE AN IDLE ENVIRONMENT.  
4 AND IDLE ENVIRONMENT IS A VERY DESTRUCTIVE ENVIRONMENT FOR US.  
5 WE SHOULD TRY TO FIND A WAY TO EDUCATE OURSELVES BETTER AND  
6 PRODUCE BETTER. BUT ANYWAY, WE COULD GET MORE TAXES AND SAY  
7 MORE FUNDS AND EVERYTHING, BUT ALL THE MONEY WE GET FROM THE  
8 GOVERNMENT, THEY BRING BIGGER TAXES. BIGGER GOVERNMENT, BIGGER  
9 TAXES. BUT A LOT OF TIMES WE THINK ABOUT HOMES, WE THINK ABOUT  
10 FAMILIES. AND I'M A BLACK MAN AND I SEE WHERE THE BLACK  
11 FAMILIES IN BIG CITIES ARE TOTALLY DESTROYED BY GOVERNMENT BUT  
12 THE BLACK FAMILIES DOWN SOUTH AND MIDWEST ARE SURVIVING FAR  
13 BETTER. BUT ANYWAY, AND THE HOMELESSNESS DON'T HAVE PROBLEMS  
14 DOWN SOUTH AND MIDWEST. THE POLITICIANS TRY TO GO CLOSER TO  
15 THE CONSTITUTION THAT GOVERNS THEM. THEY DON'T ASK MONEY FOR,  
16 YOU KNOW, FOR HOMELESSNESS AND PEOPLE NEVER GO TOWARD THE  
17 PROBLEM THEY SHOULD GO TO.

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19 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** NEXT SPEAKER?

20

21 **REBA STEVENS:** GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS REBA STEVENS, AND I  
22 AM A RESIDENT OF THE SECOND DISTRICT. AND I FIRST WANT TO SAY  
23 THANK YOU FOR AN OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK. AS A FORMER HOMELESS  
24 INDIVIDUAL, I'D LIKE TO SPEAK TO YOU, SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH  
25 AND SUPERVISOR KNABE. THE CONCERNS THAT I HAVE IS THAT THERE



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1 ARE SO MANY WHO ARE HOMELESS. AS A RESULT OF MY HOMELESSNESS,  
2 I EXPERIENCED HOPELESSNESS AND HELPLESSNESS, FEAR, NO PLACE TO  
3 GO, HUNGER. I WAS IN AND OUT OF JAIL. I WAS ARRESTED 10 TIMES  
4 FOR PETTY THEFT AND TWICE FOR BEING HOMELESS. ALCOHOL AND  
5 DRUGS BECAME MY BEST FRIENDS, BECAUSE IT ALLOWED ME NOT TO  
6 FEEL THE FEELINGS FROM THE THOUGHTS THAT WERE GOING ON INSIDE  
7 MY HEAD. I HAD A FAMILY WHO HAD NO IDEA AS TO WHERE I WAS,  
8 WHETHER I WAS DEAD OR ALIVE. I OFTENTIMES WONDER, DOES IT TAKE  
9 ONE TO HAVE TO EXPERIENCE HOMELESSNESS TO REALLY GET IT? THIS  
10 IS THE TIME. IT'S TIME TO RESET. THIS IS AN OPPORTUNITY IN  
11 WHICH I HOPE THAT WE DON'T LET GO. TODAY IS MY BIRTHDAY, AND I  
12 WAS OFFERED AN OPPORTUNITY TO GO OUT TO LUNCH. BUT THIS IS  
13 WHAT I'D RATHER DO, BECAUSE THIS IS WHAT IT'S REALLY ALL  
14 ABOUT. I HAVE BEEN THERE. MANY OF US COME IN ON DIFFERENT  
15 BOATS, BUT WE END UP ON THE SAME SHIP. THIS IS THE TIME. I  
16 ENCOURAGE YOU TO SUPPORT THIS. YOU KNOW, WHAT'S ALSO  
17 INTERESTING TO ME IS, WHEN I USED TO RIDE THE BUS FROM ONE END  
18 OF THE BUS LINE TO THE OTHER END OF THE BUS LINE, BASICALLY  
19 BECAUSE I HAD NO WHERE TO GO, YOU HAVE NO IDEA, SUPERVISOR  
20 SOLIS, THE SHAME THAT I EXPERIENCED AS A RESULT OF BEING  
21 HOMELESS AND A WOMAN WITH CHILDREN. THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE]

22

23 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** ERNEST -- WE HAVE A COUPLE MORE  
24 **SPEAKERS:** ERNEST MOORE, FRANCO VEGA, VERONICA LEWIS, MARY  
25 JACOBS, BROOK WARSHAPER. GO AHEAD, SIR.





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2 **FRANCO VEGA:** GOOD AFTERNOON, SUPERVISORS. FIRST, I WANTED TO

3 THANK YOU GUYS FOR THIS MOTION AND ALLOWING ME TO BE HERE. I'M

4 IN FULL SUPPORT OF THIS MOTION. MY NAME IS FRANCO VEGA. I'M

5 THE FOUNDER AND EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE RIGHT WAY

6 FOUNDATION. WE'RE THE FOUNDATION THAT TRIED TO END TRAUMA,

7 INFORMED CARE, TO JOB DEVELOPMENT FOR FOSTER CARE YOUTH. WE'RE

8 THE ONLY ONE THAT CREATE THIS PROGRAM AND LEASE THIS

9 THROUGHOUT THE NATION. I DO ALL THE HIRING FOR L.A.X.

10 RESTAURANTS, L.A. LIVE, COLISEUM, ROSE BOWL, GALEN CENTER,

11 JUST TO NAME A FEW. AND MY FOUNDATION IS STRICTLY FOR FOSTER

12 YOUTH AGING OUT OF THE SYSTEM. I'M HOUSED IN THE BEAUTIFUL

13 LEIMERT PARK IN SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS'S DISTRICT, AND I

14 HAVE A BRAND NEW SATELLITE OFFICE IN SUPERVISOR HILDA SOLIS'

15 DISTRICT. SO I'M THANKFUL FOR YOU GUYS' SUPPORT. THE REASON

16 I'M REALLY HERE IS THE YOUTH IN MY PROGRAM THAT HAVE FAILED MY

17 PROGRAM ALL HAVE SOMETHING IN COMMON. THEY ARE HOMELESS. IT'S

18 NOT BECAUSE THEY LACK MOTIVATION. IT'S NOT BECAUSE OF

19 EDUCATION. IT'S BECAUSE THEY HAVE NO PLACE TO LAY THEIR

20 BEAUTIFUL HEAD AT NIGHT AND WAKE UP AND TAKE A CLEAN SHOWER.

21 NOW, THEY WEREN'T ASKED TO BE BORN IN THE FOSTER CARE SYSTEM,

22 BUT THEY ENDED UP BEING HOMELESS COMING OUT OF THE FOSTER CARE

23 SYSTEM, AND IT'S NOT THEIR FAULT. BUT AS CONGRESSWOMAN BASS

24 CLEARLY STATES, THE GOVERNMENT IS THEIR PARENTS AND ULTIMATELY

25 YOU GUYS ARE THEIR MOM AND DAD AND I NEED YOU GUYS TO TAKE



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1 CARE OF YOUR KIDS FIRST AND THINK ABOUT OUR BEAUTIFUL FOSTER  
2 CARE YOUTH, BECAUSE THEY'VE GROWN UP IN HOPELESSNESS AND NO  
3 ONE'S EVER TAKEN THEIR SIDE. AND THIS IS A MOTION THAT CAN  
4 REALLY TAKE THEIR SIDE, SO I'M IN FULL SUPPORT. LASTLY,  
5 L.A.P.D. HAS FOUND OUR PROGRAM AND THEY HAD SECRET MEETINGS  
6 WITH US AND THEY SAID 9 OUT OF 10 GIRLS THEY ARREST FROM SEX  
7 TRAFFICKING COME FROM THE FOSTER CARE SYSTEM. ALL THE GIRLS  
8 L.A.P.D. HAS BROUGHT TO MY COMMUNITY IN LEIMERT PARK AND BOYLE  
9 HEIGHTS AFTER THEY RESCUED THEM FROM THESE HORRIBLE PIMPS OR  
10 WHATEVER THEY CALL THEMSELVES ALL HAVE BEEN HOMELESS. AND WE  
11 CAN'T CURE THESE POOR GIRLS AND HELP THEM DEAL WITH THEIR  
12 TRAUMA UNLESS THEY HAVE A NICE, COMFORTABLE BED OVER THEIR  
13 HEAD. SO ONCE AGAIN I'M IN FULL SUPPORT OF THIS MOTION. I WANT  
14 TO THANK SUPERVISOR KUEHL AND SUPERVISOR MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS ON  
15 TAKING LEAD. THANK YOU GUYS FOR YOU GUYS JUST BEING VOTED IN.  
16 AND THIS IS A DEMANDING JOB, BUT THANK YOU GUYS FOR THE  
17 COURAGE. WELCOME, HILDA SOLIS, FOR COMING ABOARD AND DON KNABE  
18 AND ANTONOVICH FOR YOUR SUPPORT, TOO. THANK YOU, GUYS.

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20 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** NEXT SPEAKER.

21

22 **VERONICA LEWIS:** VERONICA LEWIS. I'M DIRECTOR OF SPECIAL  
23 SERVICES GROUPS -- DIVISION. I'M ALSO THE FOUNDER AND STEERING  
24 COMMITTEE MEMBER OF THE S.P.A. 6 HOMELESS COALITION AND I AM  
25 THE S.P.A. 6 REPRESENTATIVE AND CURRENT CHAIR OF THE



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1 COORDINATING COUNCIL, WHICH IS AN ADVISORY BODY TO THE  
2 L.A.H.S.A. COMMISSION. I HAD THE PRIVILEGE ON FEBRUARY 9TH OF  
3 SITTING RIGHT IN FRONT OF YOU AND PARTICIPATING IN PHIL  
4 ANSELL'S PRESENTATION ON THE DAY THAT YOU PASSED THE  
5 COMPREHENSIVE PLAN. AND ALMOST THREE MONTHS TO THE DAY I FIND  
6 MYSELF HERE AGAIN WHERE WE'RE AT THIS PIVOTAL TIME WHERE WE  
7 CAN ACTUALLY REALIZE SOME OF THE STRATEGIES LONG-TERM. THE  
8 CONSTITUENTS OF THIS COUNTY WAKE UP EVERY MORNING, DRIVE OR  
9 WALK DOWN THE STREET, AND PASS THE INSANE NUMBER OF PEOPLE  
10 LIVING ON THE STREET. THE POLL NUMBERS ARE CLEAR. SO, I THANK  
11 YOU IN ADVANCE FOR YOUR LEADERSHIP AS YOU CONSIDER THIS  
12 INITIATIVE TODAY. AND I AM CONFIDENT THAT IF YOU KEEP THIS  
13 OPTION OPEN, WHEN GIVEN THE OPPORTUNITY, THE CONCERNED  
14 CITIZENS OF L.A. COUNTY WILL PARTNER WITH YOU AND VOTE TO PASS  
15 THE BILL. MOREOVER, AS ONE OF THE LEADING SERVICE PROVIDERS  
16 FOR INDIVIDUALS AND FAMILIES AROUND HOMELESSNESS IN THE  
17 SERVICE PLANNING AREA SIXTH DISTRICT 2, I AM PROUD OF THE  
18 GREAT WORK THAT WE HAVE DONE TO REDUCE FRAGMENTATION,  
19 STRENGTHEN TRUE COLLABORATION, REDUCE ACCESS BARRIERS FOR THE  
20 HOUSEHOLDS EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS. AND WE HAVE  
21 SIGNIFICANTLY ALSO INCREASED THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE THAT HAVE  
22 MOVED FROM THE STREET INTO PERMANENT HOUSING. HOWEVER, WITH  
23 ALL OF THAT TREMENDOUS WORK FROM THE CITY, THE COUNTY, AND  
24 SERVICE PROVIDERS LIKE MYSELF, THERE IS STILL THE SIGNIFICANT  
25 AND WELL-DOCUMENTED GAP BETWEEN THE NUMBER OF UNHOUSED



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1 RESIDENTS OF LOS ANGELES AND THE RESOURCES NEEDED TO SAFELY  
2 HOUSE THEM. THIS IS NOT A HOMELESS ISSUE. THIS IS A HUMANITY  
3 ISSUE. THAT DESERVES AND AN OPTION LIKE THE ONE BEFORE YOU  
4 TODAY TO ACTUALLY COMPREHENSIVELY ADDRESS THE CRISIS IN L.A.  
5 COUNTY. AS I KNOW YOU ALL AGREE, EVERY RESIDENT IN THE COUNTY  
6 OF LOS ANGELES DESERVES A SAFE, STABLE PLACE TO LIVE, AND THE  
7 DECISION YOU MAKE TODAY DIRECTLY IMPACTS WHETHER OR NOT WE  
8 MOVE CLOSER TO ACTUALLY REALIZING THAT IN OUR COUNTY. THANK  
9 YOU.

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11 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER. MA'AM?

12

13 **MARY JACOBS:** MARY JACOBS. I'M THE NEW PRESIDENT, DIRECTOR OF  
14 THE LOVE ONE ANOTHER ANTI-NUCLEAR CLUB. IT'S A GROUP THAT  
15 TRIES TO TEACH PEOPLE ABOUT NUCLEAR WAR AND NUCLEAR POWER AND,  
16 MOST OF ALL, THE DANGERS OF NUCLEAR FAMILIES, WHERE THE  
17 CHILDREN ARE NOT GROWING UP WITH THEIR GRANDPARENTS AND THEIR  
18 AUNTS AND UNCLES. AND, BELIEVE IT OR NOT, THIS IS PART OF THE  
19 HOMELESS PROBLEM. SOME PEOPLE HAVE FAMILIES THAT WANT TO HELP  
20 THEIR HOMELESS RELATIVES, BUT THEY DON'T HAVE THE MONEY TO FIX  
21 THE GARAGE OR THEY DON'T HAVE THE MONEY TO ADD THE EXTRA  
22 BEDROOM OR THEY DON'T EVEN HAVE THE ABILITY BECAUSE OF SOME  
23 LANDLORD ISSUE TO EVEN USE ONE OF THEIR ROOMS, BECAUSE THEY  
24 GET SECTION 8 AND THEY'RE NOT ALLOWED TO PUT EXTRA FAMILY  
25 MEMBERS IN. AND I WOULD LIKE FOR YOU TO THINK ABOUT THIS. I



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1 HAVE A NONPROFIT GROUP THAT WE'RE GOING TO BE RAISING MONEY BY  
2 SELLING ITALIAN BEEF, YOU KNOW, BECAUSE EVERYBODY EATS. AND  
3 WE'RE GOING TO TRY TO GET PEOPLE TO CONVERT THEIR HOMES SO  
4 THAT INSTEAD OF USING THE GOVERNMENT, WE CAN USE THE  
5 HOMEOWNERS WHO HAVE A HEART AND SAY, HEY, YOU HAVE AN EXTRA  
6 HEART PROBLEM? YOU WANT TO HELP SOMEBODY? HERE'S THE MONEY.  
7 FIX YOUR GARAGE. MAKE IT A CONVERTED GARAGE. WE'RE GOING TO  
8 GIVE YOU HELP TO GET PERMITS AND DO IT THE RIGHT WAY. AND THE  
9 NEXT THING YOU KNOW, WE HAVE THREE PEOPLE OFF THE STREETS. AND  
10 THREE BY THREE BY THREE BY FOUR BY TEN. THE LADY THAT WAS  
11 SITTING NEXT -- YOU HAVE NO IDEA HOW MANY HOMELESS PEOPLE. I  
12 HAVE THIS HERE, A CENSUS. I COULDN'T COUNT THE EXTRA 10  
13 PEOPLE, BECAUSE THEY LIVE IN MY FRONT YARD OR MY GARAGE, AND  
14 THOSE DON'T COUNT. YOU HAVE NO IDEA THE UNCOUNTED HOMELESS  
15 THAT ARE SLEEPING ON OUR DOORSTEPS. SO, PLEASE GO FOR IT. SIGN  
16 EVERYTHING YOU CAN WITH THE GOVERNMENT, AND DO IT PRIVATELY,  
17 TOO, SO THAT WE CAN GET IT SOLVED. THANKS.

18

19 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** GO AHEAD, SIR.

20

21 **ERNEST L. MOORE:** MY NAME IS ERNEST L. MOORE. I SERVE ON THE  
22 SAFETY COMMITTEE OF THE WEST ADAMS NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL. I'M  
23 ALSO A CANDIDATE FOR REPRESENTATIVE AT LARGE FOR THE WEST  
24 ADAMS NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL. I AM A MENTAL HEALTH PROFESSIONAL,  
25 AND I HAVE BEEN WORKING IN THE FIELD SINCE THE '90S, WHEN I



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1    STARTED MY MASTER'S DEGREE AS A MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPIST.  
2    I'VE ALSO WORKED IN VARIOUS MENTAL HEALTH AGENCIES ALL  
3    THROUGHOUT LOS ANGELES COUNTY AND THE LAST HALF DECADE AS A  
4    CHILDREN'S SOCIAL WORKER IN L.A. COUNTY D.C.F.S. I'M ALSO A  
5    FOUNDER OF THE ORGANIZATION CALLED THE FORGOTTEN AMERICANS  
6    NETWORK. I'M HOPING THAT WE CAN BE PLACED ON THE AGENDA HERE  
7    TO ADDRESS OR PRESENT OUR PERSPECTIVE ON HOMELESSNESS AND ITS  
8    IMPACT ON THE BLACK AMERICAN POPULATION IN THE COUNTY OF LOS  
9    ANGELES. I AM IN SUPPORT OF YOUR FUNDING FOR HOMELESSNESS, BUT  
10   I QUESTION THE WAYS THAT YOU'RE TRYING TO OBTAIN THIS FUNDING.  
11   FROM WHAT I'VE HEARD TODAY, MOST OF WHAT YOU'RE SAYING IS JUST  
12   ABOUT BLOWING SMOKE IN OUR EARS. WE CAN GET BILLIONS OF  
13   DOLLARS TO END HOMELESSNESS BY STOPPING ILLEGAL-ALIEN INVASION  
14   OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY AND GIVING FUNDING TO THE ILLEGAL ALIENS  
15   WHO ARE COMING OVER HERE BLOWING THE LEGS OFF OF AMERICAN  
16   CITIZENS AND KILLING THE INNOCENT CHILDREN OF BLACK AMERICANS.  
17   WE NEED TO LOOK AT THE ROOT OF WHAT'S CAUSING HOMELESSNESS,  
18   BECAUSE IT WAS ENGINEERED BY THE BUSH ADMINISTRATION.

19

20   **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** OKAY. TIME'S EXPIRED. THAT CONCLUDES  
21   OUR PUBLIC TESTIMONY TO THE BOARD. SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS?

22

23   **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU, MADAME CHAIR. I WISH TO THANK  
24   THOSE WHO CAME TO TESTIFY IN SUPPORT OF THE MOTION. I FOUND IT  
25   COMPELLING AND INFORMATIVE. YOU REPRESENTED THE BREADTH OF THE



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1 COUNTY AND THE RESPECTIVE SERVICE PROVIDERS AND THOSE WHO HAVE  
2 THEMSELVES EXPERIENCED HOMELESSNESS. WE LEARNED RECENTLY  
3 THERE'S AN INCREASE IN HOMELESSNESS IN THE COUNTY OF LOS  
4 ANGELES, AT LEAST 6 PERCENT. IT'S BEEN ASSERTED BY A NUMBER OF  
5 PEOPLE THAT PERHAPS WHAT'S TRUE IS AN UNDERCOUNT. THAT ONLY  
6 SUGGESTS TO ME THAT WE ARE IN A POSITION TO DO MORE RATHER  
7 THAN LESS. IN OTHER WORDS, THAT ARGUES FOR ACTION NOW. ACTION  
8 NOW SIMPLY MEANS PRESERVING THE OPTION. IT COMES BACK TO US,  
9 SHOULD THE LEGISLATURE AND THE GOVERNOR AFFORD US THE  
10 OPPORTUNITY TO MAKE A DETERMINATION. THIS IS ONE OF MANY  
11 OPTIONS FOR US TO CONSIDER. THE DISTRIBUTION OF HOMELESSNESS  
12 IN THIS COUNTY IS DIVERSE. SOME 39 PERCENT AFRICAN-AMERICAN,  
13 27 PERCENT LATINO, 25 PERCENT WHITE. HARDLY ANYONE IS SPARED  
14 IN THIS REGARD. THE POLL DATA IS COMPELLING. 76 PERCENT SAY  
15 YES TO THIS MILLIONAIRES' TAX, AS SOME WOULD WISH TO CALL IT,  
16 ONE THAT WE ARE SIMPLY SAYING LET'S PRESERVE THE OPTION. SKID  
17 ROW IS NOT THE ONLY COMMUNITY OF CONCERN. BOTH SUPERVISOR  
18 SOLIS AND I SHARE THAT IN TERMS OF THE FIRST AND SECOND  
19 DISTRICTS PRACTICALLY SPLIT UP THE MIDDLE OF THOSE WHO ARE THE  
20 FOCAL POINT OF HOMELESSNESS IN THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES. BUT  
21 I DARE SAY THERE ARE 88 CITIES IN THIS COUNTY FROM ONE END TO  
22 THE NEXT THAT EXPERIENCE SOME FORM OF THIS INCOME INEQUALITY  
23 AND FORM OF IMPOVERISHMENT. MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, I THINK THE  
24 MATTER IS BEFORE US. I APPEAL TO YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT TAKING  
25 THIS TO THE LEGISLATURE, ENGAGING THEM, AND CAUSING US TO MOVE





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1 FORWARD IN OUR EFFORT TO ADDRESS HOMELESSNESS FORTHRIGHTLY IN  
2 THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES. THANK YOU, MADAME CHAIR.

3

4 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH?

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6 **SUP. MICHAEL ANTONOVICH:** LET ME FIRST STATE THAT THERE ARE A  
7 NUMBER OF ISSUES THAT ARE BEING RAISED. ONE IS AS IF WE DIDN'T  
8 HAVE AN INCOME TAX. BUT THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA HAS THE  
9 HIGHEST INCOME TAX ON ITS CITIZENS. SO, IT'S NOT THE FACT THAT  
10 THE TAXES ARE NOT BEING IMPOSED; IT'S HOW THE STATE  
11 LEGISLATURE DISBURSES THE TAXES THAT THEY HAVE. SO, THERE'S  
12 BEEN A FAILURE AT THE STATE LEVEL TO ENSURE THAT THOSE DOLLARS  
13 ARE GOING TO THE PRIORITY ISSUES. SECONDLY, THE A.C.L.U.,  
14 THEIR INJUNCTIONS AND THEIR PROHIBITIONS AND LEGAL CHALLENGES  
15 TO REQUIRING MANDATED DRUG AND ALCOHOL REHAB PROGRAMS,  
16 ALLOWING MUNICIPALITIES TO DEAL WITH THOSE HOMELESS, THE  
17 FAILURE TO REQUIRE LONGER TREATMENT OF MENTALLY-ILL HOMELESS  
18 HAS CREATED A PROBLEM, AS WELL. AND AS THE LAST SPEAKER HAD  
19 MENTIONED ABOUT, ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION IS ALSO AN IMPACT THAT  
20 THE COUNTY HAS TO USE RESOURCES THAT OUGHT TO BE USED FOR  
21 OTHER PURPOSES, OTHER PRIORITIES, BUT YET WE'RE SPENDING THOSE  
22 FOR PROGRAMS THAT WE HAVE NO CONTROL OVER. I JUST RECEIVED AS  
23 -- THIS IS FROM MAY 2ND FROM THE LAW OFFICE OF CHARLES SMITH.  
24 IT SAYS, "MY OFFICE REPRESENTS -- STAFF SOLUTIONS, A STAFFING  
25 AGENCY LOCATED IN LOS ANGELES CITY AND COUNTY. IT COORDINATES



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1 TO PROVIDE 150 EMPLOYEES AND HEALTH DEVICES CORPORATION,  
2 D.B.A. DOC JOHNSON ENTERPRISES, LOCATED AT 11933 VOSS STREET,  
3 NORTH HOLLYWOOD, CALIFORNIA. MAY 2ND, -- NOTIFIED THESE 150  
4 EMPLOYEES THAT THEIR JOBS WOULD BE TERMINATED DUE TO A MASS  
5 LAYOFF ON JULY 1ST, 2016. IT IS OUR UNDERSTANDING THAT DOC  
6 JOHNSON ALSO NOTIFIED THESE EMPLOYEES THAT THEIR JOBS WOULD BE  
7 TERMINATED." I CONTINUE TO RECEIVE THESE LETTERS, BECAUSE  
8 THEY'RE SENDING THEM TO THE PAST CHAIRMAN AND SHOULD BE GOING  
9 TO THE CURRENT CHAIRMAN, WHICH I'LL SHARE WITH SUPERVISOR  
10 SOLIS, THE NUMBER OF EMPLOYEES THAT ARE LOSING THEIR JOBS  
11 BECAUSE THE BUSINESSES ARE LEAVING. WE NEED TO HAVE AN  
12 ENVIRONMENT THAT'S GOING TO CREATE JOBS. WE'RE GOING TO HAVE  
13 AN ENVIRONMENT WHERE THE DOLLARS THAT ARE ALREADY BEING  
14 GENERATED ARE BEING SPENT FOR THOSE HIGH-PRIORITY ISSUES, AND  
15 WE'RE GOING TO NEED AN ENVIRONMENT WHERE THE STATE LAWS AND  
16 LOCAL LAWS ARE GOING TO BE CHANGED TO BENEFIT, TO BENEFIT  
17 THOSE WHO ARE MENTALLY ILL, BECAUSE THEY WILL BENEFIT WHEN  
18 THEY HAVE MEDICAL TREATMENT. THE DRUG AND ALCOHOL ABUSERS WILL  
19 BENEFIT WHEN THEY ARE REQUIRED TO HAVE REHAB PROGRAMS. AND  
20 THOSE WHO ARE ECONOMICALLY DEPRIVED WILL THEN BE ABLE TO HAVE  
21 THE RESOURCES FOR THE AFFORDABLE HOUSING AND THE JOB SKILL  
22 TRAININGS WHICH ARE SO NECESSARY. BUT IT'S NOT THAT WE HAVE  
23 NEED ANOTHER INCOME TAX. WE NEED TO SPEND THE INCOME TAX  
24 ALREADY GENERATED FOR THOSE PRIORITIES PROGRAMS WHICH ARE  
25 REQUIRED FOR OUR COMMUNITIES. THANK YOU.



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2 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR KNABE?

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4 **SUP. KNABE:** THANK YOU, MADAME CHAIR. AT LEAST FROM MY  
5 PERSPECTIVE, I WOULD LIKE TO RECOMMEND THAT WE CONTINUE THIS  
6 ITEM FOR 30 DAYS. I THINK A COUPLE THINGS. ONE, THE TABULATED  
7 RESULTS OF THE POLLING WERE SHARED WITH US LATE LAST NIGHT.  
8 SOME OTHER INFORMATION CAME IN THIS MORNING. AND, AGAIN, IT  
9 GOES BACK TO MY ONGOING ISSUE WITH SOME OF THESE MOTIONS, IS  
10 THAT WE REALLY DON'T HAVE A CLEAR IDEA OF WHAT WE WOULD SPEND  
11 THE NEW REVENUES ON WHEN WE HAVE AN IDEA THAT 1,400 PEOPLE OUT  
12 OF 10 MILLION SAID THAT THEY WOULD PREFER WHO GETS TAXED AND  
13 WHO DOESN'T, WHETHER IT BE A SALES TAX, A PROPERTY TAX, A  
14 PARCEL TAX, OR A TAX ON MILLIONAIRES. BUT FRANKLY, MY MAJOR  
15 ISSUE WITH THE MOTION IN PARTICULAR HAS MORE TO DO WITH THE  
16 UNANTICIPATED CONSEQUENCES OF ASKING THE STATE TO GET INTO A -  
17 - STATE LEGISLATURE INTO A LOCAL TAX ISSUE. FROM MY  
18 PERSPECTIVE, WE WOULD BE GIVING THEM THE ULTIMATE OUT. THE  
19 PERMANENT RESPONSE TO US ANYTIME WE LOOK TO THE STATE FOR  
20 RELIEF FROM A MANDATE OR REQUIREMENTS, THAT THEY TEND TO TELL  
21 US, "WHATEVER YOU NEED, YOU TAX YOUR RESIDENTS. YOU HAVE THAT  
22 AUTHORITY NOW." AND I THINK THAT THAT WOULD REALLY LET THEM  
23 OFF THE HOOK. I MEAN, IF I WERE THEM, I WOULDN'T GIVE US THAT  
24 RIGHT. YOU KNOW, I MEAN, IT'S THE ABILITY TO DO WHAT THEY  
25 WOULD LIKE TO HAVE US DO. SO, IT'S REALLY THE UNINTENDED



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1 CONSEQUENCES THAT I'M CONCERNED ABOUT BEFORE A MOVE LIKE THIS  
2 IS CONTEMPLATED. SO I WOULD SUGGEST THAT LET US SHAKE THIS  
3 THING OUT FOR 30 DAYS AND COME BACK AND TRY TO MAKE A  
4 DECISION. SO THAT'S WHERE I'M COMING FROM.

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6 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** IS THAT AN AMENDMENT?

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8 **SUP. KNABE:** PARDON ME?

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10 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** IS THAT IN THE FORM --

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12 **SUP. KNABE:** WELL, I MEAN, I WILL MOVE A 30-DAY CONTINUANCE.

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14 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** IT WOULDN'T BE AN AMENDMENT THAT I WOULD  
15 ACCEPT, MADAME CHAIR.

16

17 **SUP. KNABE:** IT IS NOT AN AMENDMENT. IT WOULD BE A MOTION TO  
18 CONTINUE 30 DAYS.

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20 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** IS THERE A SECOND?

21

22 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** WELL, A 30-DAY CONTINUANCE OF THE MATTER  
23 EFFECTIVELY KILLS IT. THE STAFF HAS MADE IT CLEAR BOTH IN  
24 TERMS OF THE C.E.O. AND THE COUNTY COUNSEL THAT THIS HAS A



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1 TIME-SENSITIVITY THAT ATTACHES TO IT. 30 DAYS WOULD  
2 ESSENTIALLY CAUSE THIS TO BE NULL AND VOID.

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4 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** WHAT IS THE ACTUAL TIME?

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6 **SACHI HAMAI, C.E.O.:** SO, THE DATE THAT IT NEEDS TO BE  
7 COMPLETED, IF THIS WERE TO GO UP AND THE STATE WAS LOOKING AT  
8 IT, IT HAS TO BE COMPLETED BY JUNE 15TH. THAT'S IN ORDER TO  
9 GET THE TRAILER BILL IN. SO, REALLY, I MEAN, WE ONLY HAVE THIS  
10 NEXT WEEK TO GET IT UP TO SACRAMENTO AND TRY AND SEE IF WE  
11 COULD GET IT IN AS A TRAILER BILL.

12

13 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** AND I GUESS I HAVE A QUESTION ABOUT,  
14 YOU KNOW, AGAIN, THE TEMPERATURE. WHAT WAS THE -- I'M SURE  
15 FOLKS HAVE BEEN SPEAKING TO FOLKS UP IN THE LEGISLATURE,  
16 BECAUSE THIS HAS BEEN IN THE PRESS NOW ABOUT THE POLLING AND  
17 WHAT'S TAKEN PLACE. SO, WE MUST HAVE SOME SENSE. WHERE ARE  
18 THEY ON THIS, THE GOVERNOR OR THE LEGISLATURE?

19

20 **SUP. KNABE:** WELL, YEAH, EVEN RECENTLY THE GOVERNOR'S REJECTION  
21 OF THE CIGARETTE TAX TO LOCAL ENTITIES.

22

23 **PHIL ANSELL:** SUPERVISOR, THE BOARD HAS NOT TAKEN AN ACTION ON  
24 THIS ITEM, AND THEREFORE NO ONE WHO WORKS FOR THE COUNTY HAS  
25 BEEN ADVOCATING IN SUPPORT OF IT. THERE HAVE BEEN SOME



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1 EXPLORATORY CONVERSATIONS WITH STAFF FROM LEGISLATIVE  
2 LEADERSHIP AROUND THIS CONCEPT.

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4 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** AND?

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6 **PHIL ANSELL:** AND THERE'S A BASIS FOR FURTHER CONVERSATION  
7 SHOULD YOUR BOARD ADOPT THIS MOTION.

8

9 **MANUEL RIVAS:** THE ONLY OTHER THING TO ADD, SUPERVISOR, IS THAT  
10 WE DO HAVE THE SENATE PRESIDENT, KEVIN DE LEON, WHO IS PUSHING  
11 THE NO PLACE LIKE HOME INITIATIVE, WHICH IS PUSHING FOR A \$2  
12 BILLION INITIATIVE BY SECURITIZING PROPOSITION 63 MONEYS IN  
13 ORDER TO CREATE SUPPORTIVE HOUSING FOR HOMELESS INDIVIDUALS  
14 WHO HAVE MENTAL HEALTH PROBLEMS. ON THE ASSEMBLY SIDE, YOU  
15 ALSO HAVE THE DEMOCRATIC CAUCUS, WHO IS ALSO PUSHING A \$1.3  
16 BILLION INITIATIVE THAT IS TRYING TO GET AT AFFORDABLE HOUSING  
17 AND ALSO DEAL WITH ISSUES OF HOMELESSNESS.

18

19 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** SO WE HAVE COMPETING INITIATIVES THAT  
20 ARE BEING TALKED ABOUT OR DISCUSSED IN THE LEGISLATURE.

21

22 **MANUEL RIVAS:** I THINK IT CREATES AN OPPORTUNITY. IT'S AN  
23 OPPORTUNITY, BECAUSE THE TWO INITIATIVES THAT ARE BEING  
24 CONSIDERED BY THE LEGISLATURE WILL CREATE THE ACTUAL



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1    INFRASTRUCTURE. WHAT YOU DON'T HAVE IS REALLY THE FUNDING TO  
2    PROVIDE THE SUPPORTIVE SERVICES.

3

4    **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THE OTHER ISSUE THAT COMES TO MIND IS  
5    SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS AND I WERE RECENTLY AT A BREAKFAST  
6    MEETING LAST WEEK WHERE THE GOVERNOR SPOKE TO 30 TO 40  
7    BUSINESS PEOPLE AT A ROUND TABLE FROM AROUND NOT JUST THE  
8    STATE OF CALIFORNIA BUT AROUND THE COUNTRY, AND HE SPOKE VERY  
9    CANDIDLY ABOUT HIS ADVERSENESS TO TAXING. AND IT WAS ALMOST AS  
10    THOUGH HE WAS SPEAKING DIRECTLY TO SOME OF US. BUT MORE  
11    IMPORTANTLY, HE WAS SPEAKING ALSO TO HIS OWN COLLEAGUES IN THE  
12    LEGISLATURE. AND I GOT THE SENSE THAT THE BASEMENT, THE FOLKS  
13    DOWNSTAIRS IN THE CAPITAL, MAY NOT BE SUPPORTIVE OF THIS AND,  
14    I MEAN, IF WE DO TRY THIS, THAT HE'S ALREADY SIGNALING THAT  
15    THEY'RE NOT VERY INTERESTED. AND THAT'S, I MEAN, THAT'S KIND  
16    OF WHAT I'M SENSING FROM HIS TALK BUT ALSO FROM OTHER  
17    LEGISLATORS THAT HAVEN'T BEEN SPOKEN TO ABOUT THIS.

18

19    **SACHI HAMAI, C.E.O.:** MADAME CHAIR, I DON'T BELIEVE -- WE HAVE  
20    NOT HAD ANY CONVERSATIONS WITH THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE, SO I  
21    DON'T KNOW THAT WE'VE HAD INDICATION EITHER WAY.

22

23    **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** MADAME CHAIR?

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25    **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR KUEHL?





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2 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** I'M SURE YOU REMEMBER HOW MANY BILLS WE  
3 BROUGHT WHEN EVERYONE TOLD US THEY WEREN'T GOING TO GO  
4 ANYWHERE. I MEAN, I THINK, FIRST OF ALL, WHAT I HEAR FROM  
5 MEMBERS THAT I KNOW IN SACRAMENTO IS THEY WANT TO HEAR FROM US  
6 HOPEFULLY SOON THAT WE WANT THIS OR THAT WE'RE FOR IT, BECAUSE  
7 THEY RESPECT THAT WE'RE THE GOVERNMENT OF THE COUNTY. AND  
8 THEREFORE, IF WE SAY WE'D LIKE TO HAVE THE OPTION TO EXPLORE  
9 THIS OPTION, THAT WOULD BE A VERY IMPORTANT SIGNAL TO THEM.  
10 AND I WOULD ALSO SAY THAT NO ONE IN SACRAMENTO, AS YOU  
11 REMEMBER, IS GOING TO SAY, "YES, I ABSOLUTELY GUARANTEE THIS  
12 WILL GO IN THE BUDGET OR WHATEVER," BUT JUST SPEAKING FOR  
13 MYSELF, IF I HAD LISTENED, THERE WOULDN'T BE ANY PAID FAMILY  
14 LEAVE AND THERE WOULDN'T BE ANY -- WELL, YOU KNOW, NURSE-TO-  
15 PATIENT STAFFING RATIOS AND THERE WOULDN'T BE ANYTHING. I  
16 THINK THE BEST MOVE FOR US IS TO SIMPLY SAY "WE WOULD LIKE  
17 THIS" AND THEN HAVE AN OPTION TO SEE IF WE CAN GET IT, RATHER  
18 THAN, AS WE USED TO SAY, OPPOSE OURSELVES AND NOT EVEN TRY.

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20 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** WELL, I DON'T THINK THAT WE'RE NOT  
21 TRYING. I MEAN, I THINK THAT THERE'S A LOT THAT WE CAN AND  
22 SHOULD DO. AND WE HAVE SEVERAL OF OUR OWN INITIATIVES THAT WE  
23 WANT TO PUT FORWARD, QUITE FRANKLY. YOU AND I ARE WORKING ON  
24 TRYING TO SEE THAT WE GET OUR PARKS FUNDED ADEQUATELY, AS  
25 WELL, AND HOPEFULLY THIS NEXT CYCLE OF ELECTIONS IN NOVEMBER,



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1 WHICH IS GOING TO BE REALLY CRITICAL. I THINK THAT IF POSSIBLE  
2 I'D LIKE TO HAVE -- FIRST OF ALL, I HAVE TO GO BACK THAT I  
3 DIDN'T GET A LOT OF INFORMATION ON OUR POLLING FOR MY AREA.  
4 AND I'M TOLD THAT THE DEMOGRAPHICS THAT WAS EXPLAINED THAT  
5 SAID THAT PEOPLE IN MY DISTRICT WERE SUPPORTIVE DON'T GIVE ME  
6 ADEQUATE COMFORT IN TELLING ME WHO ACTUALLY WAS POLLED AND  
7 WERE WE SPEAKING TO THEM IN THEIR LANGUAGE AND DID WE DO WHAT  
8 WE NEED TODAY DO. I JUST WANT TO BE CONVINCED THAT THIS ISN'T  
9 JUST SOMETHING THAT WE DIDN'T REALLY HAVE A CLEAR  
10 UNDERSTANDING OF THE DATA. SO, IF WE CAN GET THIS INFORMATION,  
11 I'D BE HAPPY TO SEE IF WE COULD COME BACK IN A WEEK OR SO. BUT  
12 I WANT TO GET EVIDENCE, AND I ALSO WANT TO GET A SENSE OF THE  
13 TEMPERATURE OF WHAT SACRAMENTO IS SAYING. A LOT OF US HERE  
14 HAVE FRIENDS THERE NOW. IT'S STILL GOING TO TAKE A MAJORITY OF  
15 THE LEGISLATURE, BOTH HOUSES, TO SUPPORT THIS, INCLUDING THE  
16 GOVERNOR. AND IF THE GOVERNOR -- I MEAN, I'D LIKE TO BE ABLE  
17 TO HAVE AT LEAST SOME SENSE THAT FOLKS ARE WILLING TO GO ALONG  
18 WITH US. AND IF WE CAN DO THAT IN A WEEK, YOU KNOW, WE CAN  
19 COME BACK AND DO THIS. I'M NOT WRITING THIS TOTALLY OUT, BUT I  
20 DO WANT TO SEE THAT THERE'S THAT KIND OF DISCUSSION. AND I  
21 DON'T KNOW THAT WE'VE REALLY THOUGHT THAT OUT. AT LEAST I  
22 WASN'T ENGAGED IN THAT EFFORT.

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24 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** MADAME CHAIR? SORRY.

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1    **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** SO, I DON'T KNOW WHAT -- SUPERVISOR  
2    RIDLEY-THOMAS?

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4    **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** MADAME CHAIR, I THINK WE'VE BEEN  
5    DISCUSSING THE ISSUE OF HOMELESSNESS WITH INTENSITY FOR THE  
6    BETTER PORTION OF THIS YEAR, AND THAT WAS IN THE SPIRIT OF DUE  
7    DILIGENCE TO BRING EVERYONE UP TO SPEED WITHIN REASON TO LEARN  
8    ABOUT THIS, BOTH THE PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SECTORS. WE HAVE HAD  
9    MULTIPLE POLLS, NOT THIS POLL ALONE, THAT ESSENTIALLY  
10    CORROBORATE THE CLAIMS THAT ARE BEING MADE, CITY POLLS,  
11    COUNTY-WIDE POLLS, PUBLIC SECTOR, PRIVATE SECTOR, BUSINESS-  
12    FRIENDLY ORGANIZATIONS, LABOR-RELATED ORGANIZATIONS. THEY ALL  
13    ESSENTIALLY POINT IN THE SAME DIRECTION, THAT WE HAVE A CRISIS  
14    IN OUR MIDST. AND THE QUESTION THAT IS BEING CALLED FOR TODAY  
15    IS ONE OF LEADERSHIP. DO WE HAVE THE STAMINA? DO WE HAVE THE  
16    RESOLVE? DO WE HAVE THE COMMITMENT TO STEP UP OUR  
17    RESPONSIBILITIES AND ADDRESS THE ISSUE OF HOMELESSNESS WITH  
18    COMPASSION, WITH A COMPREHENSIVE AND EFFECTIVE PLAN? THE PLAN  
19    HAS BEEN SUBMITTED FOR OUR CONSIDERATION, AND JANUARY 16 OF  
20    THIS YEAR WE ADOPTED IT, UNANIMOUSLY. NOW THE RUBBER BEGINS TO  
21    HIT THE ROAD. DO WE THEN WANT TO DO WHAT IS NECESSARY IN ORDER  
22    TO MAKE THAT PLAN REAL, NAMELY, TO FIND A WAY TO FUND IT? MY  
23    VIEW IS THAT WE HAVE AN ABUNDANCE OF INFORMATION AT OUR  
24    DISPOSAL. NO INSIGHTS ARE NEW HERE. DRILLING DOWN BEYOND WHERE  
25    WE ARE ESSENTIALLY AMOUNTS TO OUR DELAYING AND COMPRESSING THE



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1   PROCESS. I APPEAL TO YOU, MADAME CHAIR, TO HELP US MOVE THIS  
2   FORWARD, THE BALANCE OF THE BOARD THE SAME, AND THE SPIRIT OF  
3   OPENING AN OPTION IF WE ARE NOT ABLE TO BUILD CONSENSUS WHEN  
4   IT FINALLY IS TO BE ADOPTED, SHOULD WE MAKE IT THROUGH THE  
5   LEGISLATIVE PROCESS, THAT'S A DISCUSSION FOR ANOTHER DAY. BUT  
6   NOW IS THE TIME FOR US TO ACT. A LOT OF EYES ARE ON US AND  
7   EXPECTING US TO DO WHAT WE SHOULD DO. WE'VE DONE VERY WELL UP  
8   TO THIS POINT SUPPORTING A PROCESS BY WHICH THIS ISSUE HAS  
9   STAYED IN FOCUS. IT SEEMS TO ME THAT WE OUGHT TO AT LEAST  
10   FINISH, FINISH ON A NOTE THAT CAN BE CELEBRATED RATHER THAN  
11   DELAYING THIS ANY FURTHER. I RESPECTFULLY APPEAL TO YOU TO  
12   JOIN IN AN EFFORT TO MOVE THIS FORWARD. [APPLAUSE.]

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14   **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER?

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16   **SACHI HAMAI, C.E.O.:** MADAME CHAIR, I DO WANT TO -- YOU KNOW, I  
17   THINK YOU'VE INDICATED A FEW TIMES THAT YOU HAVE NOT RECEIVED  
18   THE INFORMATION THAT YOU REQUESTED SPECIFICALLY WITH REGARD TO  
19   THE DEMOGRAPHICS. AND I CAN ASSURE YOU THAT MY TEAM WILL LEAVE  
20   THIS MEETING AND GO AND GET THAT INFORMATION FOR YOU. I'M NOT  
21   SO SURE THAT THE VOTE TODAY REALLY HINGES ON WHAT GOES ON THE  
22   NOVEMBER BALLOT, AS SEVERAL OF US HAVE COMMENTED ON. I THINK  
23   TODAY IT JUST PRESERVES THE OPTION FOR PERHAPS PUTTING IT ON  
24   THE BALLOT. BUT BETWEEN NOW AND, YOU KNOW, WHENEVER THAT  
25   DECISION COMES BEFORE THIS BOARD, WE WILL CERTAINLY HAVE THAT



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1 INFORMATION, SO YOU CAN MAKE AN INFORMATIVE CHOICE SHOULD THE  
2 STATE LEGISLATURE GIVE US THE ABILITY TO DO THIS. SO I'M JUST  
3 SAYING WE WILL GET YOU THE DEMOGRAPHIC INFORMATION THAT YOU'RE  
4 REQUESTING, BUT WE WOULD LIKE TO TRY AND PRESERVE THE OPTION  
5 AND MOVE THIS FORWARD.

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7 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** SO WE'RE NOT HURT IF WE PUT THIS OFF  
8 A WEEK? A WEEK.

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10 **.SACHI HAMAI, C.E.O:** SORRY, PUT IT OFF A WEEK?

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12 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** YOU TOLD US EARLIER WE STILL HAVE  
13 TIME.

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15 **.SACHI HAMAI, C.E.O:** YEAH, I THINK THAT TIME IS OF THE  
16 ESSENCE. CERTAINLY IF --

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18 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** OR WOULD IT HURT US TO HOLD IT OFF  
19 FOR A WEEK?

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21 **.SACHI HAMAI, C.E.O:** I THINK THAT IT JUST PUTS A LITTLE BIT  
22 MORE PRESSURE ON DEALING WITH THE SACRAMENTO LEGISLATURE AND  
23 THE INDIVIDUALS THAT WE NEED TO DEAL WITH, SO IT JUST  
24 COMPRESSES THE TIME. BUT THAT CERTAINLY IS THE BOARD'S CHOICE.

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1    **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** MR. RIVAS?

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3    **MANUEL RIVAS:** IF I CAN JUST ADD, THE MAY REVISE COMES OUT ON  
4    FRIDAY, SO THE MINUTE THAT THAT COMES OUT, THE LEGISLATURE IS  
5    GOING TO GO IN FULL MODE AND TRY TO GET IT ENACTED. SO,  
6    REALLY, IF WE WERE TO HAVE THIS APPROVED NOW, WE CAN GET  
7    STARTED IN TRYING TO GET IN THE MIDDLE OF THE CONVERSATIONS IF  
8    THE BOARD DECIDES FOR US TO PURSUE THIS OPTION.

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10   **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** IF WE DELAY, WE DISADVANTAGE OURSELVES  
11   STRATEGICALLY AND THE MESSAGE THAT EMANATES FROM THIS SPACE IS  
12   A MESSAGE OF EQUIVOCATION. I THINK WE WANT TO BE RESOLUTE AND  
13   CHARGE THE LEGISLATURE AND THE GOVERNOR WITH THE OPPORTUNITY  
14   AND/OR THE OBLIGATION TO HELP US FIGHT, END, WORK ON,  
15   ERADICATE, ADDRESS, USE WHATEVER TERM YOU WISH, THIS ISSUE OF  
16   HOMELESSNESS, WHICH IS WORSENING AS WE SPEAK. THAT SEEMS TO ME  
17   TO BE THE POINT THAT WE HAVE TO COMMUNICATE. [APPLAUSE] AND I  
18   AGAIN RESPECTFULLY REQUEST THAT WE MOVE TODAY AND WORK OUT ANY  
19   OF THE UNFINISHED BUSINESS THAT NEEDS TO BE WORKED OUT. WE  
20   HAVE A LONG WAY TO GO. LOOK, THIS IS NOT AN EASY LIFT. NO  
21   MATTER WHETHER WE DO ON UPPER-INCOME EARNERS, WHETHER WE WERE  
22   TO CONSIDER A PARCEL TAX, WHETHER WE WERE TO DO A MARIJUANA  
23   TAX, WHETHER WE WERE TO CONSIDER THE SALES TAX, EITHER WAY WE  
24   GO, THIS IS NOT EASY, BUT WE DIDN'T SIGN UP FOR THAT WHICH IS  
25   EASY. WE SIGNED UP TO LEAD THIS COUNTY. AND THERE IS NO MORE



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1 CHALLENGING A MOMENT OR MORE CHALLENGING AN ISSUE THAN THAT  
2 WHICH, IN MY VIEW, HAS BEEN NEGLECTED FOR ALL TOO LONG. ENOUGH  
3 -- [APPLAUSE] -- PARDON ME, PLEASE. ENOUGH IN THE WAY OF  
4 SALUTING THE ISSUE VERBALLY AND YET NOT ENGAGING IT THE WAY IT  
5 NEEDS TO BE ENGAGED. THERE IS NO PREDICTABLE END HERE. BUT IT  
6 WOULD SEEM TO ME THAT WE WOULD WANT TO BE RECORDED AS HAVING  
7 MOVED AN AGENDA THAT SOUGHT TO RAISE THE DIGNITY AND WORTH OF  
8 ALL ANGELENOS. THIS IS NOT GOING TO BE, EVEN IF WE WERE TO BE  
9 SUCCESSFUL, THIS IS NOT TO BE CONSIDERED A PERFECT SOLUTION.  
10 WE STILL HAVE A LOT OF WORK TO DO. THE DISTRIBUTION OF THE  
11 RESOURCES, YET TO BE DETERMINED, IMPORTANT DISCUSSION. AND WE  
12 OUGHT TO FIND OUR WAY TO A NEEDS-BASED UNDERSTANDING OF HOW  
13 THESE RESOURCES WILL BE DISTRIBUTED. THAT'S A CONVERSATION FOR  
14 ANOTHER DAY. TODAY'S CONVERSATION IS: CAN WE JUST MOVE THIS  
15 AGENDA FORWARD? IT'S A LONG JOURNEY. IT SEEMS TO ME THAT IT  
16 BEGINS TODAY. AND I APPEAL TO THE MEMBERS OF THIS BOARD TO DO  
17 SO. [APPLAUSE]

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19 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THE QUESTION FOR OUR SACRAMENTO  
20 FOLKS, WHAT'S TO KEEP US FROM HAVING A DISCUSSION WITH  
21 LEGISLATIVE LEADERS NOW IN A WEEK? YOU HAVE A WEEK TO DO THAT.  
22 WHAT'S TO PREVENT US FROM HAVING THOSE DISCUSSIONS?

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1 **MANUEL RIVAS:** BECAUSE WE DON'T HAVE BOARD AUTHORITY. ALL  
2 LEGISLATION THAT WE PURSUE IN SACRAMENTO, EVEN DISCUSSIONS,  
3 IT'S ALWAYS --

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5 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** IS THERE SOMETHING THAT PROHIBITS US  
6 FROM TALKING TO PEOPLE?

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8 **.SACHI HAMAI, C.E.O:** IT WOULD BE BOARD AUTHORITY, BECAUSE WE  
9 DON'T RIGHT NOW HAVE THE BOARD'S DIRECTION IN TERMS OF --

10

11 **SUP. KNABE:** BUT BOARD MEMBERS COULD TALK TO FOLKS IN  
12 SACRAMENTO, RIGHT?

13

14 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** RIGHT.

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16 **.SACHI HAMAI, C.E.O:** CERTAINLY YOU COULD. CERTAINLY YOU CAN,  
17 BUT IF YOU'RE DIRECTING STAFF TO GO AND TALK, I DON'T THINK WE  
18 HAVE THE AUTHORITY TO TRY AND MOVE THIS FORWARD WITHOUT SOME  
19 KIND OF AUTHORITY.

20

21 **MANUEL RIVAS:** THAT'S PART OF OUR BOARD-ADOPTED LEGISLATIVE  
22 PLATFORM, EVERY YEAR THAT YOU GUYS ADOPT. NOT UNLESS THE BOARD  
23 DIRECTS US TO PURSUE THIS WILL WE BE ABLE TO DO THAT.

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1   **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** WELL, I STILL THINK IT'S WORTHWHILE  
2   TO HAVE DISCUSSIONS. EVEN, LIKE I HAVEN'T HAD A CHANCE TO  
3   REALLY TALK TO ALL OF MY CONTACTS IN SACRAMENTO. I WANT TO GET  
4   A SENSE -- I MEAN, I'D HATE TO PUT OURSELVES IN AN AWKWARD  
5   POSITION, AS WELL, AND DISADVANTAGE OURSELVES, BECAUSE IF WE  
6   TAKE THIS PROPOSAL UP, WE'RE ACTUALLY ASKING THE GOVERNOR AND  
7   THE LEGISLATURE TO ALLOW OTHER COUNTIES TO RAISE REVENUE  
8   AROUND THESE ISSUES. AND I'VE HEARD THAT FROM OTHER  
9   INDIVIDUALS THAT THAT IS PROBLEMATIC, AS WELL. SO WE SHOULD BE  
10  ABLE TO FIX THIS PRODUCT. I'M NOT SAYING WE SHOULDN'T MAYBE  
11  USE THIS DIRECT LANGUAGE, BUT WE OUGHT TO BE ABLE TO BE IN A  
12  BETTER POSITION SO WE DON'T DISADVANTAGE OURSELVES. AND I  
13  THINK WE REALLY HAVE TO HAVE THAT DISCUSSION. I THINK SOME OF  
14  US WOULD WANT TO DO THAT. I DON'T KNOW. MAYBE IT'S JUST ME?

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16  **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** WELL, WE HAVE THREE RELATIVELY RECENT  
17  MEMBERS OF THE LEGISLATURE, BOTH ASSEMBLY PERSONS AND  
18  SENATORS, AND ONE NOT-SO-RECENT MEMBER OF THE ASSEMBLY. ALL OF  
19  US KNOW THAT A BILL WILL BE AMENDED AS IT MOVES THROUGH THE  
20  PROCESS. SO THAT WHICH WE ARE SEEKING TO SPONSOR AS A BILL, AN  
21  AUTHOR HAS TO BE DESIGNATED. WHEN THE COMMITTEE WORK IS  
22  ENGAGED, ANY NUMBER OF THINGS CAN AND WILL HAPPEN. THE THRUST  
23  OF THIS EFFORT IS TO GET INTO THE PROCESS SO THAT WE CAN KNOW  
24  WHETHER OR NOT WE HAVE A VIABLE SHOT. THAT'S ESSENTIALLY  
25  WHAT'S BEFORE US. [APPLAUSE] AND IF YOU WOULD, PARDON ME, IT



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1 IS CRITICALLY IMPORTANT THAT WE OWN OUR REALITY. IF THE STATE  
2 LEGISLATURE CHOOSES NOT TO DO IT, IT WON'T BE BECAUSE WE  
3 FAILED TO MAKE THE REQUEST OF THEM TO HELP US DEAL WITH THE  
4 ISSUE OF HOMELESSNESS. 119,000 HOMELESS PERSONS IN THE STATE  
5 OF CALIFORNIA. I THINK THEY OUGHT TO BE CONCERNED ABOUT IT,  
6 AND I'M PREPARED TO PUSH IN THAT DIRECTION. NEARLY HALF OF  
7 THOSE PERSONS ARE THOSE WHO RESIDE IN L.A. COUNTY. WE HAVE AN  
8 OBLIGATION, IT SEEMS TO ME, IN PROPORTIONALITY, IF NOTHING  
9 ELSE, TO ADVOCATE, TO ADVOCATE FORCEFULLY, TO ADVOCATE  
10 STRATEGICALLY, TO ADVOCATE RESPECTFULLY. AND I HAPPEN TO KNOW  
11 THAT THERE ARE PERSONS IN THE LEGISLATURE WHO ARE ANTICIPATING  
12 COLLABORATION. WHERE WE'LL ULTIMATELY LAND, I AM NOT SURE. BUT  
13 THE FACT OF THE MATTER IS, THERE ARE CITIES IN THIS COUNTY WHO  
14 ARE READY TO GET THE BENEFIT OF OUR HELP. THE CITY OF LOS  
15 ANGELES IS PREPARED TO COLLABORATE. THEY WILL SPEAK FOR  
16 THEMSELVES AT THE APPROPRIATE TIME. MEMBERS OF THE CITY  
17 COUNCIL, AS WELL AS THE MAYOR, THE PRO TEM OF THE SENATE HAS  
18 BEEN PAYING VERY CLOSE ATTENTION TO THIS, AND THEIR CLAIM WAS  
19 "JUST DON'T DO ANYTHING THAT ADVERSELY AFFECTS PROP 30." WE  
20 NOW KNOW THAT THAT WILL NOT BE THE CASE, SO THEY HAVE A MUCH  
21 HIGHER COMFORT LEVEL. AND THAT WAS THE GOVERNOR'S CONCERN, AS  
22 WELL. SO I THINK WE'VE CLEARED QUITE A NUMBER OF HURDLES. AND  
23 SO, WHATEVER ARGUMENTS THAT MAY EMANATE FROM THE LEGISLATURE,  
24 WHATEVER THEY MAY BE, MY POINT IS, LET'S PUT IT IN FRONT OF  
25 THEM AND LET THEM SPEAK FOR THEMSELVES. I RESPECTFULLY REQUEST



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1 THAT WE VOTE ON THE ITEM TODAY AND DISPOSE OF IT ACCORDINGLY.

2 AND I WOULD SO MOVE, MADAME CHAIR.

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4 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THE ITEM'S BEEN MOVED AND SECONDED.

5 CALL THE ROLL.

6

7 **LORI GLASGOW, EXEC. OFCR.:** SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS?

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9 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** AYE.

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11 **LORI GLASGOW, EXEC. OFCR.:** SUPERVISOR KUEHL?

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13 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** AYE.

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15 **LORI GLASGOW, EXEC. OFCR.:** SUPERVISOR KNABE?

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17 **SUP. KNABE:** NO.

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19 **LORI GLASGOW, EXEC. OFCR.:** SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH.

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21 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** NO.

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23 **LORI GLASGOW, EXEC. OFCR.:** SUPERVISOR SOLIS.

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25 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** ABSTAIN.



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2 **LORI GLASGOW, EXEC. OFCR.:** THE MOTION DOES NOT CARRY.

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4 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** ALL RIGHT. I WILL SEEK TO BRING THE ITEM  
5 BACK ON A GREEN SHEET, AND I'M ANNOUNCING IT NOW FOR NEXT  
6 WEEK. IT WOULD SEEM TO ME THAT WE OUGHT TO PRESS THE CASE. ALL  
7 OF THOSE OF YOU WHO CAME TO TESTIFY TODAY, WE THANK YOU, AND I  
8 WOULD ASK THAT YOU RETURN NEXT WEEK AND BRING 10 PEOPLE WITH  
9 YOU. WE APPRECIATE IT. [APPLAUSE]

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11 **SUP. KNABE:** MADAME CHAIR, THAT'S A NICE APPEAL, BUT WHY NOT  
12 SIMPLY CONTINUE IT A WEEK? WE DON'T NEED A GREEN SHEET.

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14 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** WELL, IT'S EFFECTIVELY THE SAME RESULT.  
15 IT'S BEEN AN ATTEMPT TO BRING IT FORWARD, AND THE MAJORITY OF  
16 THE BOARD CHOSE NOT TO DO THAT. THERE'S A PROVISION FOR US TO  
17 HAVE IT BEFORE US AGAIN, AND I WOULD SIMPLY SAY LET'S HAVE IT  
18 BEFORE US AGAIN. AND IN THE MEANTIME, WHATEVER WORK PEOPLE  
19 NEED TO DO TO GET COMFORTABLE WITH IT, THEY CAN DO IT. I WILL  
20 BRING IN A GREEN SHEET TO CALL IT TO COME FORWARD.

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22 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** YES, COUNTY COUNSEL?

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1 **MARY WICKHAM, COUNSEL:** IN ORDER FOR IT TO BE CONTINUED, MADAME  
2 CHAIR, A MOTION BY THE PREVAILING PARTY WOULD HAVE TO BE  
3 OFFERED.

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5 **SACHI HAMAI, C.E.O:** SO, IF IT'S A RECONSIDERATION VOTE, COUNTY  
6 COUNSEL IS CORRECT. IT'S THE PREVAILING PARTY THAT COULD BRING  
7 THAT BACK IN RIGHT NOW.

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9 **SUP. KNABE:** I WOULD ASK FOR RECONSIDERATION. IS THAT THE  
10 CORRECT WAY?

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12 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** SECOND.

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14 **SUP. KNABE:** OKAY. ALL RIGHT. THEN I'D MOVE CONTINUANCE FOR ONE  
15 WEEK.

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17 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** CALL THE ROLL.

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19 **LORI GLASGOW, EXEC. OFCR.:** SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS?  
20 SUPERVISOR KUEHL?

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22 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** LET ME CORRECT THE RECORD, IF I MAY, FOR A  
23 MOMENT, POINT OF ORDER, MADAME CHAIR. I WOULDN'T BE INCLINED  
24 TO BRING IT IN ON THE GREEN SHEET. TOMORROW IS WEDNESDAY. I  
25 WOULD JUST SCHEDULE IT FOR THE REGULAR AGENDA. SO, MIGHT I



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1 JUST CORRECT THE RECORD IN THAT REGARD, AND WE WILL PRESUMABLY  
2 END UP AT THE SAME PLACE.

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4 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** NOT NECESSARILY. I WOULD SAY THIS  
5 GIVES US TIME, MEMBERS, TO DO SOME TALKING, ADVISEMENT WITH  
6 FOLKS THAT WE KNOW THAT CARE ABOUT THIS ISSUE. IT'S NOT THAT  
7 ANY ONE PERSON, AT LEAST, I'M SPEAKING FOR MYSELF, DOES NOT  
8 SUPPORT PROVIDING SUPPORT FOR HOMELESSNESS IN OUR COUNTY OF  
9 LOS ANGELES. SO I DO THINK IT GIVES US AN OPPORTUNITY TO DO  
10 THAT. I GET TO THEN LOOK AT THE DATA THAT WAS NOT GIVEN TO ME  
11 AND HAVE THAT CHANCE AND ABILITY TO ARTICULATE OUR CONCERNS  
12 WITH HOW THAT WAS DONE AND HOW WE PACKAGE THIS IN A WAY THAT  
13 REALLY DOES PROVIDE OUR BEST FOOT FORWARD. I WANT TO SEE US BE  
14 SUCCESSFUL.

15

16 **LORI GLASGOW, EXEC. OFCR.:** RECONSIDERATION IS ON THE FLOOR.

17

18 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** OKAY.

19

20 **LORI GLASGOW, EXEC. OFCR.:** SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS?

21 [SILENCE.] SUPERVISOR KUEHL? [SILENCE.] SUPERVISOR KNABE?

22 [SILENCE.]

23

24 **LORI GLASGOW, EXEC. OFCR.:** THIS IS A VOTE TO RECONSIDER.

25 SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH?





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2 SUP. MICHAEL ANTONOVICH:. [SILENCE.]

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4 LORI GLASGOW, EXEC. OFCR.: SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

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6 SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR: AYE.

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8 LORI GLASGOW, EXEC. OFCR.: THE MOTION DOES NOT..

9

10 SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS: IT FAILS.

11

12 LORI GLASGOW, EXEC. OFCR.: ..CARRY. IT DOES NOT CARRY.

13

14 SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR: SUPERVISOR KUEHL?

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16 SUP. SHEILA KUEHL: I'M SORRY. DID YOU ALREADY DECLARE THE  
17 VOTE, BECAUSE I --

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19 SACHI HAMAI, C.E.O: MADAME CHAIR, IF I CAN, BOARD --

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21 SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR: KUEHL HAS NOT VOTED.

22

23 SUP. SHEILA KUEHL: WE DID NOT VOTE.

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1   **SACHI HAMAI, C.E.O:** OKAY, WHEN THEY CALLED THE ROLL, SO, BOARD  
2   RULES INDICATE IF THEY CALL THE ROLL AND SILENCE IS -- SILENCE  
3   MEANS THAT IT WOULD BE AN AYE VOTE. SO.

4

5   **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** WHAT?

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7   **SACHI HAMAI, C.E.O:** I'M JUST SAYING THAT..

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9   **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** THAT'S TRUE.

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11   **SACHI HAMAI, C.E.O:** ..WHEN SHE CALLED THE ROLL, IF THERE IS  
12   SILENCE BY THE BOARD MEMBER, AND THIS IS PER BOARD POLICY, IT  
13   WOULD BE IN THE AFFIRMATIVE. IT'S A YES VOTE.

14

15   **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** WELL..

16

17   **SACHI HAMAI, C.E.O:** SO, I DON'T KNOW IF YOU'VE PUT IN YOUR  
18   VOTE YET WHEN THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER CALLED. I COULDN'T HEAR  
19   IT.

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21   **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** YES, THAT --

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23   **LORI GLASGOW, EXEC. OFCR.:** I WILL READ THE ROLL AGAIN.

24

25   **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** ALL RIGHT.



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2 **LORI GLASGOW, EXEC. OFCR.:** THIS IS THE VOTE TO RECONSIDER.  
3 SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS?

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5 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** I ABSTAIN.

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7 **LORI GLASGOW, EXEC. OFCR.:** ABSTAIN.

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9 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** OR I AM A NO VOTE.

10

11 **LORI GLASGOW, EXEC. OFCR.:** SUPERVISOR KUEHL?

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13 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** OKAY, AYE.

14

15 **LORI GLASGOW, EXEC. OFCR.:** AYE. SUPERVISOR KNABE?

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17 **SUP. KNABE:** AYE.

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19 **LORI GLASGOW, EXEC. OFCR.:** SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH?

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21 **SUP. MICHAEL ANTONOVICH:** NO.

22

23 **LORI GLASGOW, EXEC. OFCR.:** SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

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25 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** AYE.



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2 **LORI GLASGOW, EXEC. OFCR.:** THE MOTION PASSES TO RECONSIDER.

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4 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** SO, IT WILL COME BACK TO US.

5

6 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** NO.

7

8 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** WELL, I'M SORRY.

9

10 **SACHI HAMAI, C.E.O:** NOW WE NEED TO TAKE UP THE MOTION TO  
11 CONTINUE FOR ONE WEEK.

12

13 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** OKAY.

14

15 **LORI GLASGOW, EXEC. OFCR.:** THAT WAS MOVED BY SUPERVISOR KNABE,  
16 SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR SOLIS. THIS IS A VOTE ON PLACING IT ON  
17 NEXT WEEK'S AGENDA. SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS?

18

19 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** AYE.

20

21 **LORI GLASGOW, EXEC. OFCR.:** SUPERVISOR KUEHL?

22

23 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** AYE.

24

25 **LORI GLASGOW, EXEC. OFCR.:** SUPERVISOR KNABE?



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2 **SUP. KNABE:** AYE.

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4 **LORI GLASGOW, EXEC. OFCR.:** SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH?

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6 **SUP. MICHAEL ANTONOVICH:** NO.

7

8 **LORI GLASGOW, EXEC. OFCR.:** SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

9

10 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** AYE.

11

12 **LORI GLASGOW, EXEC. OFCR.:** THE MOTION CARRIES. IT WILL BE ON  
13 NEXT WEEK.

14

15 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** OKAY. VERY GOOD. IT'S NOT THE END.

16 [APPLAUSE] I JUST WANT TO ALSO THANK THE AUDIENCE AND FOLKS

17 THAT CAME OUT HERE AND TO BE PREPARED TO HELP US ON OTHER

18 ISSUES. THANK YOU. OKAY. WE GO WITH SPECIAL ITEMS AND

19 ADJOURNMENTS. WE START WITH SUPERVISOR KNABE.

20

21 **SUP. KNABE:** THANK YOU, MADAME CHAIR. I WOULD MOVE TODAY THAT

22 WE MOVE IN ADJOURNMENT OF MR. ROGER GOODLING, A GREAT COACH

23 WHO LOVED BASKETBALL, THE PLAYERS IN COMPETITION. HE PASSED

24 AWAY JUST SHY OF HIS 80TH BIRTHDAY. HE WAS ONE OF -- HIS

25 PROUDEST POSSESSION WAS HIS N.A.B.C. MEMBERSHIP CARD AND BEING



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1 A MEMBER FOR 53 YEARS, HAVING ATTENDED MOST OF THE FINAL FOUR  
2 TOURNAMENTS AROUND THE COUNTRY. HE PLAYED AT WILLIAM PENN HIGH  
3 SCHOOL IN NEW YORK AND WENT ON TO LOCK HAVEN UNIVERSITY. HE  
4 EARNED HIS MASTER'S DEGREE FROM TEMPLE, LOVED TO PLAY GOLF AND  
5 MADE 6 HOLES IN 1S THROUGHOUT HIS GOLFING DAYS. HE WILL BE  
6 SORELY MISSED BY FAMILY AND FRIENDS. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS  
7 WIFE OF 42 YEARS, SANDRA, FOUR CHILDREN, STEVE, A DEAR FRIEND,  
8 CRAIG, KATE, AND ABBY, AND SIBLINGS WARREN, BETH, AND NANCY,  
9 AND HIS GRANDCHILDREN. HE WILL BE MISSED BY ALL WHO KNEW HIM.  
10 ALSO THAT WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF LLOYD BROWN, SR. WHO PASSED  
11 AWAY AT THE AGE OF 85. HE WAS BORN IN GLENDALE AND A 51-YEAR  
12 RESIDENT OF TORRANCE. HE WAS A LONGTIME MEMBER OF THE ST.  
13 LAWRENCE MARTYR CATHOLIC CHURCH, RETIRED FROM G.T.E. BACK IN  
14 1987. HE KEPT ACTIVE, THOUGH, EITHER DABBLING AS A TRAVEL  
15 CONSULTANT, VERY ACTIVE IN THE LIONS CLUB AND KNIGHTS OF  
16 COLUMBUS. HE WAS VERY INVOLVED IN HIS CHURCH AND WAS A  
17 VOLUNTEER WITH TORRANCE MEMORIAL MEDICAL CENTER AND MORE  
18 RECENTLY WITH THE BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP AT ST. LAWRENCE,  
19 AS WELL. HE WAS JUST -- WE JUST HAD OUR OLDER AMERICANS  
20 RECOGNITION DAY, AND HE WAS POSTHUMOUSLY HONORED FOR HIS WORK.  
21 HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS 10 CHILDREN AND 15 GRANDCHILDREN AND 6  
22 GREAT-GRANDCHILDREN. THOSE ARE MY ADJOURNMENTS, MADAME CHAIR.  
23  
24 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** WITHOUT OBJECTION, SUCH WILL BE THE  
25 ORDER. SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH?



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2 **SUP. MICHAEL ANTONOVICH:** I'D LIKE TO MOVE TODAY THAT WE MOVE  
3 IN MEMORY OF WALTER LEO RASIC, A LONGTIME RESIDENT OF  
4 GLENDALE, PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 86 ON MAY 2ND. HE'S SERVED  
5 IN THE UNITED STATES NAVY, GRADUATED THE UNIVERSITY OF  
6 SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA, HAD SERVED AS A MEMBER OF THE COLISEUM  
7 COMMISSION, THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE LOS ANGELES NATIONAL  
8 BANK, MUSEUM OF HISTORY AND SCIENCE AND INDUSTRY AND THE  
9 FLINTRIDGE SACRED HEART ACADEMY. HE ALSO WAS FAMILY OWNER OF  
10 NIKOLA'S RESTAURANT. WALTER IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE, BONNIE,  
11 AND HIS BROTHERS NICK, PETER AND JOHN AND HIS DAUGHTERS  
12 ROSEMARIE, THERESA, NICOLE, MELANIE, AND HIS SONS JOE, PETER,  
13 AND MATT. HIS FUNERAL WAS TODAY AT ST. BEBE'S IN LA CA ADA  
14 BECAUSE OF THE SIZE OF ST. ANTHONY'S CROATIAN CHURCH WAS NOT  
15 LARGE ENOUGH FOR THIS EVENT, AND SO WE WERE THERE IN SPIRIT.  
16 ALSO JOANNE DANIS, SANTA CLARITA, PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF  
17 95. SHE HAD BEEN A VOLUNTEER AT THE SANTA CLARITA VALLEY  
18 SENIOR CENTER AND FOUNDED THE SANTA CLARITA JAZZ CLUB. SHE DID  
19 THAT IN HER 90S. SHE IS SURVIVED BY HER DAUGHTER. AJOKA  
20 NISENTICH PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 83. HE HAD BEEN A GENERAL  
21 CONTRACTOR FOR OVER 45 YEARS, AND HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE  
22 AND THEIR THREE CHILDREN AND THREE SIBLINGS. GIUSEPPE "JOE"  
23 CANDELA, PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 84 ON MAY 8TH. HE WAS BORN  
24 IN ITALY, LATER BECAME A U.S. CITIZEN, SMALL BUSINESS OWNER,  
25 AND HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS TWO CHILDREN. ROBERT WHITE, A





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1 RESIDENT OF LANCASTER, PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 93. ROBERT  
2 WAS THE FATHER-IN-LAW OF OUR FORMER PARKS AND RECREATIONAL  
3 EMPLOYEE OLENE WHITE, WHO WAS ALWAYS INVOLVED WITH HER HUSBAND  
4 WITH OUR EQUESTRIAN TRAIL RIDES. ROBERT WAS A WORLD WAR II  
5 VETERAN, A SINGER, A SONGWRITER, AND HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS  
6 THREE SONS, ARVIN, LARRY, AND SHAKOR. ELIZABETH KENNEDY PASSED  
7 AWAY AT THE AGE OF 57, EARNING HER BACHELOR'S OF ARTS IN  
8 PSYCHOLOGY AND MINORED IN SOCIOLOGY UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA,  
9 SANTA CRUZ. SHE HAD BEEN A COUNSELOR AT LANCASTER HIGH SCHOOL  
10 AND INVOLVED WITH THE CHILDREN INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION.  
11 SURVIVED BY HER HUSBAND, MALCOLM, AND TWO SONS. CHARLES  
12 GIBSON, LONGTIME RESIDENT OF THE ANTELOPE VALLEY, PASSED AWAY  
13 AT THE AGE OF 82. HE WAS AN ORIGINAL FIREFIGHTER DISPATCHER AT  
14 FIRE STATION 129 DURING HIS 30-YEAR CAREER WITH L.A. COUNTY  
15 FIRE. AND HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE OF 32 YEARS, SHEILA, AND  
16 THEIR SONS AND DAUGHTER AND FIVE GRANDCHILDREN AND THREE  
17 GREAT-GRANDCHILDREN. PAUL EDWARD BOOG PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE  
18 OF 92, SERVED IN THE UNITED STATES NAVY DURING WORLD WAR II,  
19 WORKED FOR THE STUDENT HEALTH CENTER AT U.C.L.A., HAD A  
20 SUCCESSFUL CAREER IN REAL ESTATE. HIS FIRM, E.R.A.-BOOG  
21 REALTY. ACTIVE MEMBER OF THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS AND OUR LADY  
22 OF PERPETUAL HELP CATHOLIC CHURCH. SURVIVED BY HIS NINE  
23 CHILDREN AND TWO SIBLINGS. THOMAS KASCOUTAS PASSED AWAY AT THE  
24 AGE OF 74, FROM SANTA CLARITA VALLEY, WAS A LONGTIME MEMBER OF  
25 THE KIWANIS AND SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE AND THREE CHILDREN.



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1 DENNIS "DENNY" DEAN PODRATZ, LONGTIME RESIDENT OF SANTA  
2 CLARITA, PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 67. HE WAS A DATA SYSTEMS  
3 ANALYST FOR A.T.&T. AND SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE AND THREE SONS,  
4 MOTHER AND THREE SIBLINGS. GLADYS TOGUCHI, RETIRED SENIOR  
5 MANAGEMENT SECRETARY OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY SHERIFF'S  
6 DEPARTMENT. SHE HAD RETIRED IN 2011. NATE VISWANATHAN. HE WAS  
7 AN ATTORNEY, JUDGE PRO TEM ON THE L.A. COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT,  
8 PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 86. HE WAS THE CHIEF ENGINEER AND  
9 CONTRACTS MANAGER FOR MAJOR CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS, INCLUDING  
10 THE HYDROELECTRICTY DAM IN UTAH AND SAUDI ARABIA'S AIRPORT. HE  
11 WAS HONORED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS IN HIS EFFORTS TO  
12 DECLOGGING COURT DOCKETS BY CONDUCTING MORE THAN 1,000  
13 ARBITRATIONS AS A COURT-APPOINTED VOLUNTEER ARBITRATOR. HE WAS  
14 HONORED AT ONE OF OUR RECENT VOLUNTEER AWARD LUNCHEONS. HE WAS  
15 ALSO SUCCESSFUL IN REAL ESTATE IN CALIFORNIA AND ILLINOIS, AND  
16 HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE AND THEIR THREE DAUGHTERS. ADELAIDE  
17 "EVA" VEGA PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 96 ON MAY 4TH. SHE WAS AN  
18 ACTIVE VOLUNTEER AT ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI CHURCH AND WITH THE  
19 NATIVE SONS OF THE GOLDEN WEST AND SHE'S SURVIVED BY HER FOUR  
20 CHILDREN. AND THOSE ARE MY ADJOURNMENTS.

21

22 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** WITHOUT OBJECTION, SUCH WILL BE THE  
23 ORDER. I MOVE THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY  
24 OF CARLOS DANIEL JOVEL. CARLOS DANIEL JOVEL ATTENDED THE  
25 SCHOOL OF HISTORY AND DRAMATIC ARTS AT SOTOMAYOR LEARNING



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1 ACADEMIES. CARLOS TRAGICALLY PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 16 IN  
2 THE LOS ANGELES RIVER. HE WAS A HAPPY, LIVELY STUDENT WHO WAS  
3 ALWAYS ABLE TO BRING SMILES AND LAUGHTER TO HIS PEERS AND HIS  
4 FAMILY. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS MOTHER, REINA ARDEN, FATHER,  
5 JUAN CARLOS JOVEL, AND SISTER, SANDRA JOVEL. HE WILL BE MISSED  
6 DEARLY BY FAMILY, STUDENTS, FRIENDS, AND COMMUNITY MEMBERS.  
7 SECONDLY, I MOVE THAT WE ADJOURN TODAY IN MEMORY OF GUSTAVO  
8 RAMIREZ. GUSTAVO RAMIREZ WAS ALSO A CLASSMATE OF CARLOS JOVEL.  
9 THIS WAS THE ACCIDENT THAT OCCURRED AT L.A. RIVER. THEY FOUND  
10 THESE TWO YOUNGSTERS THAT WERE FOUND DEAD. GUSTAVO RAMIREZ  
11 ATTENDED THE SCHOOL OF HISTORY AND DRAMATIC ARTS AT SOTO MAYOR  
12 LEARNING ACADEMIES. GUSTAVO WAS ONLY 15 YEARS OLD WHEN HE  
13 TRAGICALLY PASSED AWAY IN THE LOS ANGELES RIVER. HE WAS A  
14 HAPPY, ENJOYABLE STUDENT WHO WAS KNOWN AS "SMILEY" TO HIS  
15 SOCCER TEAMMATES. HE'S SURVIVED BY HIS MOTHER, ANTONIA  
16 RAMIREZ, FATHER, MACARIO RAMIREZ, AND HIS TWO OLDER SISTERS.  
17 HE WILL BE MISSED DEARLY BY FAMILY, STUDENTS, TEAMMATES,  
18 FRIENDS, AND COMMUNITY MEMBERS. WITHOUT OBJECTION. [SILENCE.]

19

20 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** JAMES B. TAYLOR WAS BORN ON JANUARY THE  
21 28TH, 1927 IN LOS ANGELES AND PASSED AWAY ON APRIL THE 26TH AT  
22 THE AGE OF 89. HE GRADUATED FROM MANUAL ARTS HIGH SCHOOL AND  
23 WAS A STAFF SERGEANT IN THE ARMY DURING WORLD WAR II TEACHING  
24 MATH TO FELLOW STUDENTS. HE EARNED HIS BACHELOR'S DEGREE IN  
25 MATH FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA LOS ANGELES AND EARNED



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1 HIS MASTER'S DEGREE IN EDUCATION FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF  
2 SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA. AND THEN IN THE 1950S, HE TAUGHT MATH AT  
3 JOHN ADAMS MIDDLE SCHOOL. I THINK WE HAVE A MEMBER OF THE  
4 BOARD WHO WENT TO THAT THEN JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL. AND THEN HE  
5 WAS AT JEFFERSON AND HAMILTON HIGH SCHOOLS. IN 1967 HE BROKE  
6 THE RACIAL BARRIERS AS THE FIRST AFRICAN-AMERICAN PRINCIPAL AT  
7 JOHN H. FRANCIS POLYTECHNIC HIGH SCHOOL IN SUN VALLEY. AND  
8 THEN AT ELAINE LEROY LOCKE HIGH SCHOOL IN SOUTH LOS ANGELES.  
9 IN THE 70S, HE WAS APPOINTED AS THE FIRST AFRICAN-AMERICAN  
10 DEPUTY SUPERINTENDENT IN LOS ANGELES UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT,  
11 WHERE HE WORKED TO BRING RACIAL INTEGRATION TO THE SCHOOL  
12 DISTRICT. AND IN 2013, THE GREEN DOT MAGNET SCHOOLS  
13 ESTABLISHED THE AMINO JAMES B. TAYLOR CHARTER SCHOOL IN  
14 RECOGNITION OF HIS PIONEERING WORK AS AN EDUCATOR AND  
15 ADMINISTRATOR. MR. TAYLOR WILL BE REMEMBERED AS A LIFELONG  
16 EDUCATOR AND AN ADVOCATE FOR IMPROVING OPPORTUNITIES FOR  
17 STUDENTS AT L.A.U.S.D. AND BEYOND. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS FIVE  
18 CHILDREN, NINE GRANDCHILDREN, SEVERAL GREAT-GRANDCHILDREN,  
19 FRIENDS, STUDENTS, COLLEAGUES, AND MEMBERS OF THE L.A.U.S.D.  
20 COMMUNITY WHO WILL MOST ASSUREDLY MISS HIM. JAMES B. TAYLOR.  
21 SUPERVISOR?

22

23 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** THANK YOU. I'M VERY, VERY SAD TO ADJOURN  
24 TODAY AND ASK YOU TO JOIN ME IN ADJOURNING IN MEMORY OF A GOOD  
25 FRIEND, WILLIAM SCHALLERT, WHO JUST PASSED AWAY. HE PERFORMED



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1 FOR MORE THAN 60 YEARS IN T.V. AND FILMS, OFF BROADWAY,  
2 VOICEOVER, DIED ON MAY 8TH. HE WAS BEST KNOWN -- WELL, THAT'S  
3 WHAT THE PAPER SAID, BUT I DON'T AGREE -- BUT HE WAS BEST  
4 KNOWN, THEY SAID, FOR HIS ROLE AS THE HARRIED SITCOM FATHER TO  
5 THE UNCLE TO THE "IDENTICAL COUSINS" PLAYED BY PATTY DUKE ON  
6 THE 1960S SITCOM "THE PATTY DUKE SHOW." BUT IN MY OPINION, HE  
7 WAS BEST KNOWN AS MR. POMFRITT, OUR TEACHER ON "THE DOBIE  
8 GILLIS" SHOW. A WONDERFUL MAN, A GOOD FRIEND. HE PLAYED MANY  
9 SERIOUS ROLES, AS WELL, INCLUDING THE JUDGE IN "THE TRIAL OF  
10 THE CATONSVILLE NINE," WON AN OFF-BROADWAY AWARD FOR THAT ROLE  
11 IN AN OFF-BROADWAY PLAY, WHICH WAS BASED ON THE TRIAL OF NINE  
12 ROMAN CATHOLIC ACTIVISTS WHO BURNED MILITARY DRAFT FILES IN  
13 1968 TO PROTEST THE VIETNAM WAR. INCIDENTALLY, ONE OF THEM WAS  
14 DANIEL BERRIGAN, AND THOUGH HE WASN'T A CONSTITUENT, I'D ALSO  
15 LIKE TO HONOR HIS MEMORY, BECAUSE HE ALSO RECENTLY PASSED  
16 AWAY. BILL SCHALLERT WAS PRESIDENT OF THE SCREEN ACTORS GUILD  
17 FROM 1979 TO 1981, AND HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS SONS EDWIN,  
18 JOSEPH, MARK, AND BRENDAN. AND I MOVE THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN  
19 TODAY WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF NATALIE AMBROSE, WHO DIED ON  
20 APRIL 26TH. SHE HAD BEEN A MEMBER OF THE IMMACULATE HEART  
21 COMMUNITY FOR 63 YEARS. SHE JOINED THE SISTERS OF IMMACULATE  
22 HEART IN 1953 AND BECAME A NATIONALLY RECOGNIZED MATH TEACHER  
23 AND SPEAKER ON THE ENHANCEMENT OF LEARNING SKILLS AND PARENTS'  
24 PARTICIPATION IN THEIR CHILDREN'S EDUCATION. SHE WAS A  
25 COMMISSIONER AND TWO-TERM CHAIR OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY



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1 COMMISSION ON AGING AND WAS ALSO INVOLVED IN A LOT OF CIVIC  
2 ORGANIZATIONS THROUGHOUT THE SAN FERNANDO AND THE ANTELOPE  
3 VALLEYS. AS A MEMBER OF THE IMMACULATE HEART COMMUNITY, SHE  
4 WAS ALSO AN EARLY MEMBER OF THE COORDINATING COUNCIL OF THE  
5 I.H.M. BLYTHE STREET PROJECT IN PANORAMA CITY AND NEIGHBORHOOD  
6 CENTER THAT MINISTERS TO THE FAMILIES ON BLYTHE STREET. THANK  
7 YOU.

8

9 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** WITHOUT OBJECTION, SUCH WILL BE THE  
10 ORDER. MEMBERS, WE NOW HAVE PUBLIC COMMENT, AND OUR FIRST  
11 SPEAKER COMES TO US FROM LANCASTER. FRAN CERECERES.

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13 **FRAN CERECERES:** OH, I'M ON? GOOD AFTERNOON, SUPERVISORS. THANK  
14 YOU FOR HAVING ME. MY NAME IS FRAN CERECERES, AND I'M GUESSING  
15 YOU KNOW I'M CALLING YOU FROM LANCASTER. I'M HERE IN SUPPORT  
16 FOR THE INITIATIVE FOR THE HOMELESS AND ALSO TO KIND OF PUT A  
17 LITTLE BOOST IN THERE FOR OUR LANCASTER COMMUNITY. OUR FAITH-  
18 BASED COMMUNITY IS TRYING TO PUT A PROGRAM TOGETHER TO HELP  
19 OUR HOMELESS, AND I'M HOPING THAT YOU WILL HELP AND GIVE US A  
20 BOOST, ALSO, MONETARILY. AND I APPRECIATE EVERYTHING THAT YOU  
21 HAVE DONE FOR US HERE IN THE VALLEY, IN LANCASTER'S ANTELOPE  
22 VALLEY. THANK YOU AGAIN AND THANK YOU FOR LISTENING TO ME. GOD  
23 BLESS YOU ALL.

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1   **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, MA'AM. OUR NEXT SPEAKERS  
2   ARE ERIC PREVEN, ARNOLD SACHS, RICHARD ZALDOVAR. GO AHEAD.

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4   **RICHARD ZALDOVAR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAME CHAIR,  
5   CHAIRWOMAN SOLIS, AND MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. MY  
6   NAME IS RICHARD ZALDOVAR. I'M THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AND THE  
7   FOUNDER OF THE PROJECT. WE WERE FOUNDED IN 1993. WE  
8   CONSTRUCTED A MONUMENT BACK IN 2000. WE HAD THE SUPPORT OF THE  
9   CITY OF LOS ANGELES AT THAT TIME, FINANCIAL SUPPORT, THE STATE  
10   OF CALIFORNIA, AND I KNOW SUPERVISOR KUEHL SUPPORTED US IN  
11   THAT TIME. AND TODAY YOU SUPPORTED SUPERVISOR SOLIS'S REQUEST  
12   FOR SUPPORT FOR THE EIGHTH MONUMENT AT LINCOLN PARK. I WANT TO  
13   TELL YOU HOW IMPORTANT IT IS, BUT MOST IMPORTANT BECAUSE WE  
14   WERE HERE ALL MORNING, I JUST WANT TO ACKNOWLEDGE A FEW OF MY  
15   STAFF MEMBERS, ANDRES MAGANA, ENRIQUE TOPETE, AND ONE OF THE  
16   MOTHERS WHO --

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18   **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** STAND UP, PLEASE.

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20   **RICHARD ZALDOVAR:** SAY HELLO, PLEASE.

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22   **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** WELCOME. SORRY TO HAVE YOU WAIT SO  
23   LONG.

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1   **RICHARD ZALDOVAR:** AND ONE OF THE MOMS WHO LOST HER CHILD TO  
2   A.I.D.S. BUT I JUST WANT TO SAY THAT I DON'T, AND WE DON'T  
3   TAKE GOVERNMENT.. WE TAKE GOVERNMENT VERY SERIOUSLY AND WE  
4   TAKE OUR ELECTED OFFICIALS VERY SERIOUSLY. AND I KNOW YOU'VE  
5   BEEN THERE IN THE PAST TO SUPPORT US. JUST WANT TO LET YOU  
6   KNOW THAT THE BATTLE AGAINST A.I.D.S. IS NOT OVER. THIS  
7   MONUMENT IS THE ONLY PUBLICLY FUNDED MONUMENT IN THE COUNTRY.  
8   AND NOW THIS MONUMENT BELONGS TO ALL OF YOU HERE IN THE COUNTY  
9   OF LOS ANGELES. SOON, AS WE START ROLLING OUT AND WE START  
10   LOOKING AT RECONSTRUCTING AND REFURBISHING THIS MONUMENT,  
11   WE'LL BE BACK IN CONTACT WITH YOUR OFFICES TO MAKING SURE THAT  
12   YOU'RE ALSO PART OF THIS RECONSTRUCTION. TO YOU, MADAME  
13   CHAIRWOMAN, THANK YOU FOR YOUR BOLD LEADERSHIP, YOUR VISION,  
14   AND THE ABILITY TO RAISE ISSUES THAT SOMETIMES PEOPLE DON'T  
15   NECESSARILY SEE. AND THANK YOU TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR  
16   YOUR CONTINUING SUPPORT. GOD BLESS YOU.

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18   **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER?

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20   **ARNOLD SACHS:** YES, THANK YOU, GOOD AFTERNOON, ARNOLD SACHS.  
21   AND IT'S TRUE THERE IS A PARALLEL UNIVERSE. I MEAN, THE ROOM  
22   FILLED WITH FAIRLY INTELLIGENT, YOU WOULD HOPE, PEOPLE TO COME  
23   IN HERE, AND YOU POINT OUT TO THEM THE ACCOUNTING ABILITIES OF  
24   THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS IN OTHER AREAS. AND IT'S JUST -- OH,  
25   THAT'S ALL RIGHT. JUST GIVE US MORE MONEY. WE'LL TAKE CARE OF



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1 THE PROBLEM. THIS IS AN EDITORIAL FROM YESTERDAY, 5/8/16 BY  
2 ZEV ZIGA AND BILL PARENT ABOUT NOBLES OBLIGE, WHICH IS, I  
3 GUESS, FOR DONATING MONEY. WHATEVER HAPPENED TO IT? AND I'M  
4 THINKING IT WENT THE WAY OF METRO BUDGETING. YOU KNOW, THEY'RE  
5 BUDGETING THIS MONTH. AGAIN I COME BACK TO THE ARTICLE THAT  
6 WAS IN THE WATTS L.A. TIMES ABOUT THE TWO DIFFERENT AMOUNTS OF  
7 MONEY FOR A HALF-CENT SALES TAX. KIND OF REMINDS ME OF THAT  
8 JOKE FROM PULP FICTION WHERE THE TOMATOES WERE WALKING, MAMA  
9 TOMATO, PAPA TOMATO, AND LITTE TOMATO, AND LITTLE TOMATO  
10 STARTS TO LAG BEHIND AND PAPA TOMATO COMES BACK AND STOMPS ON  
11 IT AND SAYS, "KETCHUP." IT'S JUST SO WEIRD. METRO EASES  
12 TRAFFIC. ONE ARTICLE IN THE NEWSPAPER. THE SAME DAY, THEY HAVE  
13 A STORY IN "URBAN SCRAWL." "THE GREATER L.A. AREA HAS FOUR OF  
14 THE MOST CONGESTED FREEWAY SEGMENTS IN THE WORLD." AND BY THE  
15 WAY, I WENT TO MEETING A COUPLE WEEKS AGO. ONE OF THE  
16 COMMISSIONERS THERE SAID IT TOOK HIM TWO HOURS TO TRAVEL EIGHT  
17 MILES, BUT IT WAS AN EASY COMMUTE. SO, KEEP MOVING FORWARD. I  
18 CAN HARDLY WAIT UNTIL NEXT WEEK WHEN YOU BRING THIS BACK FOR  
19 THE HOMELESS INITIATIVE AND TALK ABOUT WHERE THE FUNDING  
20 ACTUALLY GOES, NOT WHERE YOU GET THE MONEY FROM.

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22 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** WE HAVE A SERIES OF OTHER SPEAKERS:  
23 ERIC PREVEN, GLENNA WILSON, GERI BANNING, OSCAR MOHAMMED,  
24 ERNEST MOORE, JOSEPH MAIZLISH, RICHARD GUTIERREZ, AND  
25 CHICODELI UDENSWA. MA'AM, GO AHEAD AND INTRODUCE YOURSELF.



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2 **GLENNA DIANE WILSON:** GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS GLENNA DIANE  
3 WILSON. PARDON ME. I'M A REGISTERED NURSE. I RETIRED FROM THE  
4 COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES. I WORKED AT COUNTY U.S.C. MEDICAL  
5 CENTER, WHERE I SERVED IN THE INTERNAL MEDICINE COMMUNICABLE  
6 DISEASES AND A.I.D.S. WARDS, AS WELL AS THE VOLUNTEER FLOAT  
7 POOL. I'VE ALSO WORKED AS A PRIVATE V.I.P. NURSE AT A HOSPITAL  
8 IN BEVERLY HILLS. THE TOPIC OF MY CONVERSATION, OF COURSE, IS  
9 THE HOMELESS. THE REASON WHY I'M HERE TODAY IS BECAUSE A  
10 HOMELESS MAN SAVED MY LIFE, AND I FEEL THAT THERE ARE QUITE A  
11 FEW NEEDS, BUT HE WOULD NOT FEEL COMFORTABLE BEING BEFORE THE  
12 ILLUSTRIOUS BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, AND I DO SALUTE ALL OF YOU.  
13 WITH THAT BEING SAID, IF YOU EVER LOOKED INTO A HOMELESS  
14 PERSON'S EYES, THEY'RE VAGUE. THE WHITE OF THE EYES ARE  
15 YELLOW, SOMETIMES THEY MAY BE RED DUE TO THE LACK OF SLEEP. A  
16 HOMELESS PERSON IS A PERSON WHO LACKS A FIXED REGULAR AND  
17 ADEQUATE NIGHTTIME RESIDENCE OR HAS A PRIMARY NIGHTTIME  
18 RESIDENCE THAT IS SUPERVISED PUBLICLY OR IS PRIVATELY OWNED.  
19 WITH THAT BEING SAID, THE POLLING OF THE HOMELESS HAS BEEN  
20 CONDUCTED BY THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES. BUT I'M IN AGREEMENT  
21 THAT IT MAY NOT BE THE PROPER NUMBER. THE HOMELESS, AS HAS  
22 BEEN STATED, SLEEP UNDER FREEWAYS AND IN VACANT BUILDINGS.  
23 HOMELESSNESS MAY BE A SINGLE EPISODE OR MAY BE A SUBSEQUENT  
24 EPISODE. THOSE WITH HOMELESSNESS HAVE HIGH HEALTH PROBLEMS  
25 SUCH AS T.B., WHICH IS A PUBLIC CONCERN. AND ONE STATE, I



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1 BELIEVE IT WAS IN WISCONSIN, WHERE THEY WOULD NOT ALLOW THE  
2 HOMELESS PEOPLE TO COME INTO THE TREATMENT CENTER FOR T.B. AND  
3 ALLOWED THEM TO STAY IN THE STREET AND THEY FROZE TO DEATH.  
4 WITH THAT BEING SAID, HOMELESS PEOPLE ARE PERSONS OF JOB  
5 LAYOFF, VICTIMS OF GOVERNMENT CUTBACKS, AND THOSE WHO ARE  
6 DISPLACED BY NATURAL DISASTERS. I SUGGEST THAT YOU TAKE A GOOD  
7 LOOK AT THIS, BECAUSE THE HOMELESS COULD BE ANY ONE OF US.  
8 THANK YOU.

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10 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, MA'AM. NEXT SPEAKER?

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12 **JOE MAIZLISH:** YES, GOOD AFTERNOON. JOE MAIZLISH. I HAVE BEEN  
13 REFLECTING ON YOUR DISCUSSION ABOUT THE HOMELESS ISSUE AND THE  
14 VOTE. AND I'D LIKE TO ADD A COUPLE THINGS ABOUT MY  
15 UNDERSTANDINGS, AND I BET THAT THEY'RE NOT ALSO YOUR  
16 UNDERSTANDINGS OF POLITICAL DYNAMICS. HOW, SUPERVISOR  
17 ANTONOVICH, IS THE MATTER GOING TO COME TO THE STATE WITH THE  
18 URGENCY THAT IS REQUIRED FOR IT TO SHIFT ITS SPENDING, AS YOU  
19 SAID, ABOUT THE PRIORITIES? HOW IS THAT GOING TO HAPPEN IF THE  
20 COUNTIES DON'T START AN OUTCRY ON IT AND SAY THAT WE'RE READY  
21 TO STEP IN IF YOU, STATE, WANT TO SHAME YOURSELF BY NOT  
22 STEPPING IN. SOMEBODY HAS TO STEP FORWARD FIRST TO GET WHAT I  
23 AGREE IS THE DESIRABLE OUTCOME, AND THAT IS GET THE WHOLE  
24 STATE WORKING TOGETHER ON THIS. IN THE SAME WAY, YOU MAY  
25 ACTUALLY INTEREST SOME OF THE OTHER 57 COUNTIES IN SUPPORTING



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1 THIS. THAT WILL ADD -- CERTAINLY THEY'RE INCLUDED IN THE WAY  
2 THAT THE MATTER WAS WRITTEN. THEY'RE INCLUDED, TOO. THEY WILL  
3 BENEFIT, TOO, IN THE SENSE OF BEING ABLE TO TAX IF THE STATE  
4 DOESN'T PROVIDE THE HELP ITSELF. WHO KNOWS? IF WE HAVE 30  
5 COUNTIES SPEAKING OUT AND A LOT OF LEGISLATORS, MAYBE THAT  
6 WILL EVEN GET ACTION SOONER FROM THE STATE. BUT IT'S GOT TO  
7 START SOMEPLACE. AND IT STARTS WHEREVER I AM, WHEREVER YOU  
8 ARE. THAT'S MY POINT HERE. SUPERVISOR SOLIS, EVEN IF PEOPLE IN  
9 YOUR DISTRICT DON'T FAVOR IT OR TO THE DEGREE THAT THEY DO IN  
10 OTHER DISTRICTS -- I KNOW YOU'RE CONCERNED ABOUT THE POLLING,  
11 AND YOU CERTAINLY SHOULD HAVE HAD THE FIGURES IN A TIMELY WAY  
12 -- BUT THAT DOESN'T CHANGE THE FACT THAT THIS IS A WAY TO  
13 EXPRESS YOUR VOICE. IT DOES NOT COMMIT YOU TO ANY PARTICULAR  
14 FORMULATION. BUT IT IS A WAY TO SHOW URGENCY AND LEAD THE WAY  
15 WITH THE RESULT OF OTHER COUNTIES JOINING. AND I SUGGEST A  
16 VERY ACTIVE -- EVEN THIS WEEK EXPLORATION FOR THOSE WHO FAVOR  
17 IT. ONE IS ABSENT AND ONE IS BUSY, BUT TO SPEAK TO OTHER  
18 COUNTIES ABOUT IT, TOO.

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20 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** I JUST WANT TO CORRECT YOU. I'M NOT  
21 BASING MY VOTE JUST ON THE DATA THAT I DIDN'T RECEIVE TODAY.  
22 MY SENSE IS THAT WE DIDN'T DO AN ADEQUATE JOB OF SHARING THE  
23 INFORMATION AND ACTUALLY GOING AND TALKING TO EVERYBODY THAT  
24 WE REALLY COULD REACH IN MY DISTRICT, BECAUSE THE POLLING DATA  
25 FROM THE HOMELESS COUNT DIDN'T SHOW ME -- NOT THE POLLING, THE



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1 DATA THAT CAME BACK FROM THE HOMELESS COUNT DIDN'T TELL ME  
2 THAT THERE WERE ENOUGH PEOPLE THAT WERE IDENTIFIED. AND THAT'S  
3 NOT THE CASE. I DON'T BELIEVE THAT. I THINK IT IS  
4 UNDERREPORTED, AND WE NEED TO DO A BETTER JOB. AND SOMEONE  
5 SAID EARLIER IN THE AUDIENCE THAT WE SHOULD HAVE HAD PEOPLE  
6 AFTER 6:30 AT NIGHT AND ON THE WEEKENDS. AND THAT'S NOT  
7 SCIENTIFIC METHODOLOGY. IT'S JUST RATIONAL THINKING. THANK YOU  
8 VERY MUCH.

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10 **JOE MAIZLISH:** THANK YOU FOR THE CORRECTION. THIS MOTION TODAY  
11 DOES NOT APPORTION THE ASSISTANCE AMONG THE DISTRICTS,  
12 HOWEVER. AND SO, I THINK THAT'S A GOOD ONE FOR..

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14 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** BUT WE DO CARE. WE DO CARE.

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16 **JOE MAIZLISH:** IT'S IMPORTANT FOR A LATER TIME.

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18 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** WE DO CARE, AND I HAVE SUPPORTED  
19 ISSUES THAT DON'T ALL AFFECT MY DISTRICT DIRECTLY. THANK YOU.

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21 **JOE MAIZLISH:** I APPRECIATE THE CORRECTION. THANK YOU.

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23 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER.

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1   **RICK GUTIERREZ:** YES, HELLO. MY NAME IS RICK GUTIERREZ, AND I'M  
2   HERE REGARDING A D.C.F.S. CASE, WHICH IS NO. C.K. 73593. AND I  
3   HAVE BEEN GOING THROUGH THESE CASES FOR ALMOST 10 YEARS NOW,  
4   STARTING 10 YEARS AGO IN THIS VERY SAME BUILDING, WHERE I  
5   SIMPLY HAD MENTIONED THAT I WAS A BELIEVER, THAT IS, IN JESUS  
6   CHRIST, AND FOR THAT REASON I HAVE BEEN PICKED ON BY D.C.F.S.  
7   EVER SINCE. I BROUGHT UP THE FACT THAT I WAS IN THE BOARD OF  
8   SUPERVISORS BUILDING HERE, AND AS I WAS IN THE LOBBY I WAS  
9   READING THE SEAL, WHICH IS IN THE LOBBY, AND READING WHAT THE  
10  VARIOUS SYMBOLS REGARDED. AND THERE WAS A VERY NICE OR VERY  
11  TOUCHING WRITE-UP ON THE CROSS, SAYING THAT THIS CITY WAS  
12  NAMED AFTER THE ANGELS, THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES, FOR THE  
13  CHRISTIAN CHURCHES BUILDING THIS CITY. AND I BROUGHT THIS  
14  FORTH TO D.C.F.S. I WAS RIDICULED, MADE FUN OF, AND LAUGHED  
15  AT, AND THEY SAID, "WHERE HAVE YOU BEEN, MR. GUTIERREZ? THE  
16  CROSS WAS REMOVED FROM OUR SEAL FOUR YEARS AGO." I REPORTED  
17  THAT LADY TO HER SUPERVISOR, AND I'VE BEEN CAUGHT IN THIS  
18  WHIRLWIND THAT HAS NEVER ENDED SINCE THAT DAY. AND AS IT GOES,  
19  THAT LADY WAS THE ONE THAT WAS GOING TO DETERMINE THE VISITS I  
20  HAD, THE AMOUNT MUCH VISITS THAT I HAD WITH MY LITTLE  
21  DAUGHTER, WHICH WAS AT THE TIME ONLY ONE YEAR OLD. AND OF  
22  COURSE, HER DECISION WAS TO NOT LET ME SEE MY DAUGHTER AT ALL.  
23  HERE I AM NINE YEARS LATER IN ANOTHER CASE, AND I AGAIN AM THE  
24  NON-OFFENDING PARENT. NOT ONLY AM I NOT BEING ALLOWED TO SEE  
25  MY DAUGHTER, IT WAS SUGGESTED BY SUPERVISOR JAVIER MUNOZ THAT





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1 IT'S FLAT-OUT ILLEGAL FOR D.C.F.S. TO KEEP ME FROM SEEING MY  
2 DAUGHTER. SO HE SAID THAT I NEED TO DO WHAT I NEED TO DO TO  
3 REPORT THIS. THAT'S WHY I'M HERE. AND MAY 20TH WILL BE OUR  
4 LAST COURT DATE. AND ON TOP OF EVERYTHING ELSE, THEY'RE  
5 SUPPOSEDLY GOING TO REMOVE MY RIGHTS AS A PARENT. AND HERE I  
6 AM, THE NON-OFFENDING PARENT. SO THIS WHOLE CASE, D.C.F.S.  
7 WORKERS ARE COMPLETELY OUT OF CONTROL. I WANTED TO BRING THIS.

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9 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** SIR, THANK YOU. THERE IS SOMEONE HERE  
10 WHO WILL SPEAK TO YOU FROM D.C.F.S.

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12 **RICK GUTIERREZ:** YEAH, HE ALREADY HAS, ACTUALLY.

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14 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU, SIR.

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16 **RICK GUTIERREZ:** OKAY. THANK YOU.

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18 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** NEXT SPEAKER. MA'AM?

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20 **SPEAKER:** HONORABLE CHAIR, HONORABLE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, MY  
21 NAME IS -- I PRESENTED MY CASE TO YOU ON FEBRUARY 3RD, 2015  
22 AND AUGUST 8TH, 2015 IN WHICH I WAS DIRECTED TO SPEAK TO THE  
23 OFFICE OF LISA GARRETT REGARDING MY SALARY AND MY RETIREMENT  
24 BENEFITS, MY ACCRUED TIME. THE REQUEST FOR MY RETIREMENT, MY  
25 SALARY, AND MY ACCRUED TIME LED TO SOME CHARGES TO BE TRUMPED



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1 UP AGAINST ME IN 2011. I'M A REGISTERED NURSE WITH THE  
2 L.A.C.+U.S.C. AND SINCE 1999 I'VE SERVED THE COUNTY  
3 SELFLESSLY. I'M ONE THAT WOULD LAY MY LIFE ON THE LINE FOR MY  
4 PATIENTS. BUT SINCE 2011, I HAVE BEEN IN A NIGHTMARE THAT IS  
5 EVER ENDING. AND THAT HAS LED ME TO AGAIN TO COME TO THE THIRD  
6 TIME TO ADDRESS THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. I'M NOT ABLE TO  
7 WITHDRAW MY MONEY FROM THE EMPOWER DUE TO HARDSHIP. I'M NOT  
8 ABLE TO GET DISABILITY. I'M NOT ABLE TO GET MY LETTERS. I'M  
9 NOT ABLE TO DO ANYTHING. AND I'M ABOUT -- THEY ARE ABOUT TO  
10 TAKE AWAY MY HOME. I'M A NURSE. I HAVE BEEN CONSTANTLY  
11 STIRRING. I AM ASKING THE BOARD TO PLEASE TAKE TIME TO READ  
12 THE DOCUMENTS, IT'S 46 PAGES IN NUMBER, THAT I SUBMITTED TO  
13 YOU. IF YOU GUYS WILL PUT MY CASE IN AGENDA NEXT TIME, I WILL  
14 GLADLY RETURN. BUT I NEED YOU GUYS TO CONSIDER ME, TAKING THE  
15 FACT THAT I'VE SERVED THE COUNTY ALL THESE YEARS. EVEN IF I  
16 HAVE TO LEAVE THE COUNTY, I WILL GO WITH A LITTLE DIGNITY AND  
17 RESPECT. I HUMBLY REQUEST THAT YOU GUYS GIVE ME A TIME TO COME  
18 BACK AND LOOK INTO MY CASE AND ADDRESS IT ONCE AND FOR ALL.  
19 THAT'S WHY I'M HERE. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

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21 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, MA'AM. NEXT SPEAKER?

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23 **SPEAKER:** I REALIZE TWO MINUTES IS NOT ENOUGH FOR ME TO DISCUSS  
24 ALL THE ISSUES THAT ARE GOING ON RIGHT NOW, BUT I WILL REQUEST  
25 A HEARING IN WASHINGTON AT THE UNITED STATES HOUSE OF



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1 REPRESENTATIVE, THE HOMELAND SECURITY OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE.  
2 THIS IS THE END OF THE WORLD. THE LORD GOD JESUS CHRIST HAS  
3 TOLD ME. THE HOLY SPIRIT HAS TOLD ME THAT THIS IS REVELATION,  
4 NOT A REVOLUTION. TO REVEAL THE SYMBOL THAT'S ON THE WALL  
5 THERE IS LIKE THIS ONE. THIS IS THE SEAL THAT THE VATICAN  
6 HANGS ON IN HELL. AND IT RULES BEYOND. IT IS RULING THE  
7 GOVERNMENT. IT IS ADVISORS OF THE GOVERNMENT AS WELL AS SATAN.  
8 THE BLUE ROBE IS FILLED WITH VESTURES, AND I WOULD LIKE TO  
9 REQUEST E.5 VIDEO AND E.5 PACK OF PICTURES FOR TO BE RELEASED.  
10 I WILL BE TAKING THESE PICTURES TO THE PUBLIC. EVERYTHING  
11 THAT'S HAPPENING IN THE SPIRITUAL REALM WILL BE REVEALED. WITH  
12 THAT SAID, QUEEN ELIZABETH II IS A VERY ILL WOMAN. THE QUEEN  
13 OF ENGLAND, SHE IS NOT WELL. SHE NEEDS TO STEP DOWN, AND I'M  
14 CALLING FOR HER TO BE EVICTED, AS WELL AS EVERY MEMBER OF HER  
15 FAMILY. I HAVE SO MUCH MORE TO SAY, BUT I JUST CANNOT  
16 REMEMBER. THIS IS A RETRIBUTION OF ME BEING HOMELESS. I JUST  
17 SAW, I WAS SPIRITUALLY ATTACKED TO BE HOMELESS WITH MY  
18 CHILDREN. AND THE HOMELESSNESS HAS NOW BEEN REMOVED FROM MY  
19 VESSEL.

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21 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, MA'AM. YOUR TIME'S  
22 EXPIRED.

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24 **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU. YOU'RE WELCOME.

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1    **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. YOU CAN HAVE THE --

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3    **LORI GLASGOW, EXEC. OFCR.:** MADAME CHAIR, IN ACCORDANCE WITH  
4    BROWN ACT REQUIREMENTS, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE BOARD  
5    OF SUPERVISORS WILL CONVENE IN CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS ITEM  
6    NO. C.S.-1, CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL REGARDING EXISTING  
7    LITIGATION, ITEM C.S.-3, DEPARTMENT HEAD PERFORMANCE  
8    EVALUATIONS. ON ITEMS C.S.-2, C.S.-4, AND C.S.-5, COUNTY  
9    COUNSEL AND THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICE REQUEST THAT THESE  
10    ITEMS BE CONTINUED FOR ONE WEEK, WITH THE EXCEPTION OF C.S.-2.  
11    COUNTY COUNSEL REQUESTS THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED TWO WEEKS.  
12    PLEASE BE ADVISED THAT HAD THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS WILL HOLD  
13    A SPECIAL MEETING TO HEAR TESTIMONY RELATING TO THE FISCAL  
14    YEAR 2016-17 PROPOSED BUDGET ON WEDNESDAY, MAY 11, 2016 AT  
15    9:30 A.M. THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD WILL BE HELD  
16    ON TUESDAY, MAY 17TH AT 9:30 A.M.

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1 REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION MAY 10, 2016

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5 There was no reportable action on items CS-1, CS-3 or CS-5.

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7 In open session item CS-2 was continued two weeks to May 24,  
8 2016.

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10 In open session item CS-4 was continued week to May 17, 2016.

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2 6029/RPR/CRR qualified in and for the State of California, do  
3 hereby certify:

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8 That the transcript of recorded proceedings as archived  
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10 the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors as certified by  
11 me.

12 I further certify that I am neither counsel for, nor  
13 related to any party to the said action; nor  
14 in anywise interested in the outcome thereof.

15 IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this  
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